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IN January the Women's Missionary Society welcomes Miss Mary Whale to the position of Editor of *The Glad Tidings*. Members and friends of our Society will wish to join, by means of a greeting in this issue, in wishing her happiness and blessing in this work.

Miss Whale comes to the position with the training and experience which fit her well for her new tasks. From her youth she has been interested in journalism, as her family is associated with one of the leading farm journals in Canada. She received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Ontario in London. After taking a graduate course in education at the Ontario College of Education, she has taught in both elementary and secondary schools in various parts of Ontario. In the literary field, besides articles for various Canadian periodicals, Miss Whale has for the last few years been largely responsible for the *Intermediate-Senior Quarterly* and has prepared material for *The Teacher* for use in our Canadian Presbyterian Sabbath Schools.

Younger readers of *The Glad Tidings* will note with joy Miss Whale's interest in youth work. She has had experience as a Sunday School teacher, a C.G.I.T. group leader and a camp counsellor. At present she is a representative of our Church on the National Girls' Work Committee and the National Canadian Girls' in Training Committee of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches.

The new Editor will bring to her work a deep conviction of the importance of the missionary task of the Church. Her own Christian faith and her knowledge and love of the work of our Church both in Canada and overseas will do much to enrich the task that is before her.

In this New Year, may there be a new blessing upon this magazine—upon the Editor and those who contribute to its pages and upon those who read—that, through it, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ may grow upon earth.

EDITORIAL

The congratulations of the Society are extended to the Rev. Hugh MacMillan of Formosa who has received official notice from the University of Edinburgh that he has been granted the Ph.D. degree from that University. Dr. MacMillan's thesis was on the subject ''The Influence of Foreign Missions on the Ecumenical Movement''.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Miss Beatrice Scott in India on November 30th.

Miss Hildur Hermanson sailed December 14th on *General Meigs* of the American President Lines for Formosa.

Miss Irene Stringer is preparing to return to her field in Jhansi, India, early in the New Year.

Miss Grace Mackay, recently appointed Regional Secretary, has now been assigned to the Province of British Columbia. She will begin her work there early in January.

It is of interest that both the son and the daughter of the Rev. John and Mrs. Elder of British Guiana are in Toronto preparing for service in the Church. Miss Ruth Elder came to the Missionary and Deaconess Training School last Autumn and Mr. John Calvin Elder is now preparing to enter the University of Toronto. After completing his Arts course he hopes to enter Knox College.

Members of the Society will learn with interest of the marriage of Miss Alma Burdick, a former missionary of the Society in Formosa and among the Chinese in Canada, to Mr. Alfred E. Gill on October 9th, 1948, in Salem, Oregon. Our best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gill.

On the *World Church News* broadcast over the CBC on December 4th, Dr. W. J. Gallagher, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, stated: "Five hundred and eleven Canadian missionaries are in active service in the foreign fields of the Protestant Churches at the present time. They are at work in nine countries. During the past year twenty-six newly-appointed missionaries sailed for their respective fields. The contributions of these Churches for overseas missions amounted to almost one million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars. This information was given in a report presented by the Canadian Overseas Missions Council to the Canadian Council of Churches."

As we were going to press we received the news of the death of Mrs. Mary Mackenzie of Gonor, Man. The funeral services were held on December 8th.

Note to Auxiliary Secretaries

Will you please return the *green form* sent to you *promptly* with the names and addresses of your new officers. Please return by First Class Mail.

Re Miss Pelton's Itinerary

No doubt members of the Society are looking forward with great interest to hearing Miss Pelton speak of the overseas work as she saw it. She will not be returning until nearly the end of March and her first duty must of course be to her own Board and the Board of Missions and after that to the larger gatherings.

The Council Executive has agreed that all speaking engagements for her be left to a Committee of three. Requests should be sent to Mrs. W. A. McLennan, the Convener.

NOTE: The picture on the front cover is one taken by Miss Pelton while she was in Formosa (Taiwan).

"Another year is but another call of God
To do some deed undone and duty we forgot;
To think some wider thought of man and good;
To see and love with kindlier eye and warmer heart,
Until acquainted more with Him, and keener eyed
To sense the need of man, we serve
With larger sacrifice and readier hand our kind."

Estimates for 1949

By Mrs. Daniel Strachan

AGAIN it is time to present to our members the estimates for our work for 1949 as passed at the Council meeting in October. The total amount passed is $176,316 the same-as for 1948.

As Treasurer, I have no indication that this amount will be reached this year other than that every one is optimistic. Well we are optimistic too, and would need to be for our branches keep us in suspense for about eleven months of the year and then in the last month surprise us by their most generous and sacrificial gifts. Deficits are really unheard of with our Society.

Let us now examine the estimate. The Chinese work shows a slight increase accounted for by an increase in salaries according to regulation. Our share of the Indian work shows very little increase but make no mistake the expenses have risen tremendously but are met by grants from the Department of Indian Affairs which fortunately have been increased.

Unfortunately the estimate for Deaconess Work is less by nearly $5,000 not because of financial reasons but for lack of trained workers. Then, too, some were transferred to another department. However, as you will see, work has been opened at new points in British Columbia. The estimate for 1949 allows for the appointment of three new deaconesses at least, and makes provision for summer work for student deaconesses. A grant of $500 is to be made to Weirdale for work there, now carried on by our Church.

In our Children's Work in British Columbia a new name is added —Miss Helen Ross removed from Toronto in 1948. A new name is also added in Montreal at Tyndale House where Miss Margaret MacKenzie conducts a Nursery School. The Women's Missionary Society has a part in the Immigration work of our Church through Miss Hilda Blackwell. St. Margaret's Centre continues its fine piece of work, for which much commendation is given.

The total for National Missions is $44,196.00.

In our Overseas Work the staff remains the same which should not be in the face of opportunities offered. Furloughs deplete the staff. The lack of staff means too much work for those on the field. We hope for advance from the recommendations of the deputation.

In Formosa the grant to the Girls' School is increased by $1,000 and the other work gets about the same grant. Grants in India are somewhat less because of fewer missionaries to do the work. But it must be said for India that quite a sum is being sent annually to the Girls' School in Jhansi for bursaries and advanced study, and a large amount for Christian Literature for both fields. On the Bhil field, too, money is given for bursaries for the boys and girls who must leave our field to take further study and who in many cases return to our own field. This work is most necessary, for to the native people we must look to build up the Church of the country.

In British Guiana just three names of missionaries appear, a loss of one. May that be remedied in 1949. An estimate for three new missionaries appears and is a fine advance.

In the Organization estimate are three regional secretaries, one a new one, which is a great encouragement. These secretaries have come into the Organizations Department during the year. This department is bound to have a large estimate for in it are not only the regional secretaries, but the Children's Work Secretary, the Young Women's and Girls' Work Secretary, their salaries and travel expenses and also travel for missionaries on deputation work. Camp grants are included also and grants to Synodicals. But how glad we are to see the department grow.

Visual Education, Student Department and the Candidates Department are all remembered. Christian Literature has been increased by $700 for 1949 and covers the fields where our work lies as well as other fields. French Work receives a grant of $550—of this $200 is for *L'Aurore* and $350 for literature for the Rev. J. A. Smith's work in the French churches. This seems very little to give to this work.

Our grants go to many places. Those who have been privileged to hear Dr. Hilda Lazarus will note with pleasure a grant of $500 to Vellore—a yearly grant, besides this the services of Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy have been given for this year. Our Publications Department is slightly increased, and needs must be. The increase in the cost of publishing the magazine and all leaflets is a cause for concern.

Administration is increased by additions to salaries which are low enough even yet considering the work done and the cost of living.

After the estimates, appear grants which we think will be required for the four fields. These will come from the Overseas Trust Fund.

No grant was made for Orphaned Missions for 1949 but the need is so pressing your Executive have given another $1,000.

Do study these estimates, they are worthy of study. Many of the departments would make good study material. They represent what is being done with your gifts.

Opportunities for service are great but many giants stand in our way. Pray that indifference of our own Church members is not one giant.

We are hoping great things from all newly appointed Finance Committees. To do effective work, all should know the estimates and what they stand for.

Above all let us pray most earnestly and often for the missionaries and their work. Strange things are happening and their way is not marked clearly—they need the prayers of all.

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy
    That day, and wondered ''how?''
A plowman singing at his work had prayed,
    ''Lord, help them now.''

Away in foreign lands, they wondered ''how''
    Their simple word had power.
At home, the gleaners, two or three had met
    To pray an hour.

Yes, we are always wondering ''how?''
    Because we do not see
Someone, unknown perhaps, and far away
    On bended knee.

» W.M.S. ESTIMATES *for* 1949 «

NATIONAL MISSIONS

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec—

Miss Muriel Judd, Salary	$1,367.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Share of conduct of Mission	300.00	
		$2,937.00

Toronto, Ontario—

Miss Fay McTavish, Salary	$1,400.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Miss S. P. Kong, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
		$2,970.00

Vancouver, B.C.—

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Miss Susan Yeung, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	55.00	
Miss Annie Wilson, Salary	900.00	
Expenses	55.00	
Rent paid to Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$3,870.00

Victoria, B.C.—

Miss Gertrude Scott, Salary	$1,500.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	1,100.00	
Expenses	40.00	
		$2,640.00
Department Contingency		200.00
		$12,617.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba—

Principal's Salary	$1,450.00	
Matron's Salary	550.00	
Taxes	80.00	
		$2,080.00

Mistawasis, Saskatchewan—

Maintenance and Fuel	$ 300.00	
Board of Children	300.00	
		$ 600.00

Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario—

Principal's Salary	$1,400.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
		$1,900.00
		$4,580.00

(Balance of Salaries are paid from grants from the Department of Indian Affairs.)

DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ontario—

Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	150.00	
Mrs. C. Steinmetz, (part time) Salary	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Mrs. M. Fesenko, (part time) Salary	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
		$2,965.00

Hamilton, Ontario—

Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,610.00

Kootenay Presbytery—

Miss Marjorie MacKay, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	150.00	
		$1,650.00

Kamloops–Okanagan Presbytery—		
Miss Margaret Boyd, Salary	$1,235.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,345.00
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan—		
Miss Isabel Scott, Salary		$1,500.00
Brandon Presbytery—		
Miss Joyce Wooding, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,310.00
Student Deaconesses, Salaries and Expenses		1,000.00
Deaconesses, Salaries and Expenses		3,400.00
Department Contingency		550.00
Weirdale Grant		500.00
		$15,830.00

CHILDREN'S WORK

Vancouver, B.C.—		
Miss C. Watson, Superintendent of Nursery School, Salary	$1,200.00	
Miss Helen Ross, Director of older groups, Salary	1,400.00	
House Help and Expenses	1,000.00	
		$3,600.00
Tyndale House, Montreal—		
Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Salary		1,300.00
		$4,900.00

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port Worker, Salary	$1,234.00	
Expenses	200.00	
		$1,434.00

ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' CENTRE

Mrs. J. McPhee, Salary	$1,500.00	
Assistant's Salary	900.00	
Maintenance	1,900.00	
		$4,300.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

Insurance	$ 250.00	
Taxes	285.00	
		$ 535.00
TOTAL OF NATIONAL MISSIONS		$44,196.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Jhansi Field—		
Miss Irene Stringer (4 months)	$ 400.00	
Miss Lily Simpson (7 months)	700.00	
Miss Edith Magee	1,000.00	
Mrs. C. P. Young	800.00	
Miss Hazel Reaveley	800.00	
		$3,700.00

Increased Living Allowances (3)	$ 300.00	
Vacation Allowances (3)	225.00	
Educational	7,000.00	
Evangelistic	2,000.00	
Medical	1,270.00	
Orphans	775.00	
Language Study	300.00	
Miscellaneous	1,350.00	
		$13,220.00
		$16,920.00

Bhil Field—

Miss Isabel McConnell	$1,200.00	
Miss Bessie MacMurchy	1,200.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	1,200.00	
Miss Ellen Douglas	1,200.00	
Miss Mary Sherrick	1,200.00	
Miss Margaret Kennedy	1,000.00	
Miss Beatrice Scott	900.00	
Miss Gertrude Rollo	800.00	
		$8,700.00
Increased Living Allowances (3)	$ 300.00	
Vacation Allowances (7)	525.00	
Educational	8,000.00	
Evangelistic	2,500.00	
Medical	6,000.00	
Language Study	300.00	
Miscellaneous	975.00	
		$18,600.00
		$27,300.00

Total for India—Jhansi Field	$16,920.00
Bhil Field	27,300.00
	$44,220.00

CHINA

China—

Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Salary	$1,200.00	
Chinese Nurse for Kienshui	1,200.00	
Expenses for Mrs. Gehman	800.00	
Grant to Church of Christ in China	3,700.00	
		$6,900.00

Formosa—

Miss Dorothy Douglas	$1,200.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor	1,200.00	
Miss Hildur Hermanson (on furlough)	1,200.00	
		$3,600.00
Vacation Allowances (2)	$ 150.00	
Taxes and Maintenance	500.00	
Travel on Field	500.00	
Tamsui Girls' School	3,000.00	
Evangelistic	1,000.00	
Language Study	500.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
		$5,950.00
		$9,550.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries—		
Miss Ellen Anderson	$1,200.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay	1,200.00	
Miss Elspeth Davidson	800.00	
		$3,200.00
Salaries Native Deaconesses (2)	$ 720.00	
Living Allowance, Miss Davidson	300.00	
Vacation Allowances (2)	150.00	
Evangelistic	2,000.00	
		$3,170.00
		$6,370.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Travel—To and from Fields:		
Miss Simpson	$ 900.00	
Miss Sherrick	900.00	
Miss Stringer	900.00	
Miss Davidson	250.00	
Travel Canada and Medical	300.00	
Three new missionaries—Salaries, Travel	4,000.00	
		$7,250.00

OVERSEAS TOTAL

India	$44,220.00	
China	6,900.00	
Formosa	9,550.00	
British Guiana	6,370.00	
Missionaries' Expenses	7,250.00	
		$74,290.00

ORGANIZATION

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Regional Work—		
Miss Ruby Walker, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses (2 provinces)	700.00	
		$2,200.00
Alberta Regional Work—		
Miss Athalie Read, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	500.00	
		$2,000.00
Regional Secretary, Miss Grace Mackay—		
Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	500.00	
		$2,000.00
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, Salary		$1,700.00
Youth Secretary		1,500.00
Girls' Work Secretary, part salary (balance paid by Board of S.S. and Y.P.S.)		900.00
Toward stenographic help		300.00
Expenses (Travelling Secretaries and missionaries)		1,350.00
Railway fares of Field Secretaries		600.00
Camp Work and Conferences		750.00
Grants to Synodicals		700.00
		$14,000.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Department Expenditure		$ 850.00

STUDENT

Department Expenditure		$ 300.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditure		$ 300.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, Inc.	$ 300.00	
Ukrainian Literature, Publishing *Evangelical Truth*	1,000.00	
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00	
Christian Literature for India, *The Christian Home*	200.00	
Christian Literature for India, through the National Christian Council (Dr. Manikam)	200.00	
The British and Foreign Bible Society	300.00	
The Christian Farmer, China	600.00	
Christian Literature for Women and Children in China, Miss Brown	700.00	
Christian Literature for Africa, through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	400.00	
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	200.00	
Christian Literature for Formosa	200.00	
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	350.00	
L'Aurore	200.00	
		$4,900.00

GRANTS

Foreign Missions Conference	$ 350.00	
United Nations Society	10.00	
Missionary Education Movement	50.00	
Canadian School of Missions	425.00	
Lecturers, Missionary and Deaconess Training School	300.00	
India:		
National Christian Council	75.00	
All-India Christian Medical College, Vellore	500.00	
Landour Hospital	100.00	
		$1,810.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and Glad Tidings

Salaries—		
Miss Mary Whale, Editor	$1,800.00	
Miss Louise Reith, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department	1,800.00	
Miss Beatrice Worthington, Stenographer	1,400.00	
Miss Grace Billinger, Steno-Bookkeeper	1,400.00	
Office Rent (part)	1,780.00	
Mission Band, Junior Leader	260.00	
Mimeographing	60.00	
Missionary Letters through Missionary Committee	50.00	
Free Leaflets	225.00	
Free Literature	400.00	
Annual Report	1,700.00	
Tabulated Forms	215.00	
		$11,090.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries—		
Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary	$2,000.00	
Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary	1,900.00	
Miss Nellie W. Smith, Accountant	1,800.00	
Miss Olive Grant, Council Executive Secretary	1,700.00	
Miss Vera Carson, Steno-Secretary	1,500.00	
Miss Beverley Priestman, Steno-Bookkeeper	1,200.00	
Miss Josephine Yeoman, Stenographer	1,200.00	
Office Rent (part)	3,560.00	
Auditing	300.00	
General Expenses	2,225.00	
Council Meeting	3,800.00	
Deputation	500.00	
Exchange	150.00	
Life Membership	100.00	
		$21,935.00
General Contingency		$ 2,645.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$44,196.00	
Overseas Missions	74,290.00	
Organization	14,000.00	
Visual Education	850.00	
Student	300.00	
Candidates	300.00	
Christian Literature	4,900.00	
Grants	1,810.00	
Publications	11,090.00	
Administration	21,935.00	
General Contingency	2,645.00	
		$176,316.00

Contingencies to be taken from
Overseas Trust Fund:

Jhansi	$1,000.00	
Bhil	2,000.00	
Formosa	2,000.00	
British Guiana	1,000.00	
		$6,000.00

The Great Procession of the Days
Sweeps on and on;
By upward ways, by downward ways,
By ways that fill us with amaze,
But ever on
They bring us good; they bring us ill;
We know not what; they are Thy will
As they sweep on. . . .
The days and nights Thy good gifts are,
Help us to make of them, dear Lord,
A holy calendar!

—John Oxenham.

Miss Matthews' Visit To Western Canada

EACH time a visit is made to our work one is thrilled with the vastness of the task, the variety of work being done and the loyalty and faithfulness of our National missionaries. Our staff west of the Great Lakes, including those at the Indian Schools, numbers forty-six.

At Kenora it was a pleasure to meet Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ross, newly appointed Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. We have every assurance that the care and guidance of this school are in capable hands. Two of the Indian pupils attending high school in Kenora and four attending high school at Birtle were presented with Bibles, a gift from the Society.

At Birtle, as at Kenora, the work is going well. Evidences of a good garden and field crop were seen in the well stocked fruit cellar (over 1,600 quarts), the root cellar piled high with vegetables and the barns and granaries filled to overflowing. Over and over the thought came to me that all of these preparations for the winter were not easily made—that it meant long hours of careful planning and hard work on the part of the Principal and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw, and members of their staff.

At the Indian Residential Schools at Kenora and Birtle one noted with pride the work that is being accomplished and one also realized again the responsibility involved in caring for and in training the Indian children.

The nursery school work so recently begun at Portage la Prairie under the direction of Miss Joyce Wooding has been most successful. In the mornings Miss Wooding has a group of three-year-olds and in the afternoon four and five-year-olds. Miss Wooding also assists in the Young People's work, a teen-age girls' group, Mission Band, Junior congregation, Sunday School and choir.

In Vancouver, one saw the results of the diligent work being done by Miss Catherine Watson and Miss Helen Ross at the Children's Centre. Thirty children attend the nursery school in the mornings and in the afternoons and evenings meetings are held for the older children and for the parents.

The Chinese missions in Victoria and Vancouver were visited. It was a pleasure to meet and speak to the Chinese women's groups in both centres. Their kindly welcome will long be remembered. The great value of the work being done among the children in the kindergartens, Sunday School and Mission Band cannot be estimated. These children are being taught and trained in the Christian faith and through them adults in the homes have become interested.

A visit was made to Miss Margaret Boyd, deaconess in the Presbytery of Kamloops-Okanagan, and to Miss Marjorie MacKay in the Presbytery of Kootenay working for the present in Kimberley. These young women are giving splendid service in children's and teen-age groups as well as among the adults. During my stay in Kimberley an Evening Auxiliary was organized, due to the efforts of Miss MacKay.

The story of your Secretary's journey to the West would not be complete without mentioning the opportunity one had of attending meetings of Brandon Presbyterial, the Synod of Alberta, the Synodical Executives of Alberta and of British Columbia, and the Regional Missionary Rally in Vancouver. The prayer of my heart is that as opportunities for the extending of the work come to us we may have the vision and the faith to go forward and that more workers may be found to accomplish the task set before us.

—*Frieda Matthews.*

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Missionary Society

A CERTAIN woman moved into a new community. Here she fell among critics who paid no attention to her, and acted as though they thought she might somehow be inferior, and departed, leaving her hurt and lonesome, longing for the kindly neighbourliness of her former home. By chance a certain woman, the president of the missionary society, passing by that way, when she saw her, merely said, ''What good judges my friends are,'' and she passed by on the other side. And in like manner another woman, who was chairman of the programme committee, when she came to the place, and saw her, passed by on the other side, saying, ''Surely she has nothing to give to us.'' But a certain follower of Christ, a loyal member of the society, as she journeyed came where the woman was; and when she saw the winsome face with the smiling eyes and her timidity, she sensed her lonesomeness, and was moved with compassion and came to her in a friendly spirit, and talked of many things, binding up her wounds with love and pouring joy into her hurt heart. Then she took her to the missionary meeting at the church and introduced her to friends and made her feel at home. And the woman was much pleased and expressed her desire to tarry and become a member. Which of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbour unto her that fell among critics?

And Jesus said, ''Go, and do thou likewise.'' (Author unknown.)

—From *The Women's Missionary Magazine.*

A Dutch Voice

(Mrs. Vandenberg-Martini and her husband came to Canada from Holland and are at present living in Cardinal, Ontario. Mr. Vandenberg was a Deacon in the Dutch Reformed Church and worked for the Dutch Government during the war. Mrs. Vandenberg speaks German and Dutch and English. Here we have a message from her to others from her homeland who have come to Canada.)

EEN NEDERLANDSE STEM: HEB DE KERK DES HEREN LIEF.

Mijn zeer geliefde broeders en zusters in de Here,

Daar het niet mogelijk is, U persoonlijk te bezoeken en te groeten, is het zo goed, dit langs deze weg te doen. Het zou zo prettig zijn even persoonlijk U de hand te drukken en even te praten over alle dingen, die ons, nederlandse mannen en vrouwen in Canada, zo beroeren, materieel zowel als gesstelijk.

Als wij van orthodox-christelijke beginselen zijn, hetzij gereformeerd (ik bedoel hiermede tevens Geref. Art. 31 K.O.) of orthodox hervormd, is het voor ons allereerst een zeer groot gemis, dat wij ons des Zondags niet meer kunnen verenigen met onze landgenoten in de Dienst des Woords.

En dat wij onze taal niet meer kunnen spreken.

En dat ons werk anders is en vaak niet zo, als wij het ons hadden voorgesteld.

Maar wij hebben dit allen immers gedaan om onze maatschappelijke staat te verstevigen, daar Nederland voor al zij inwoners geen goed stuk brood kan garanderen. En onze daad is volkomen in Gods weg, mogelijkheden te zoeken, waarin wij naar de woorden van de psalmist (34) berijmd) ''vrij van verdriet . . . goede dagen mogen zien''.

En hoewel wij zeer verlangen naar ons nederlands kerkelijk leven en in wijde omtrek geen Gereformeerde of Orthodox Hervormde Kerk is, is het toch goed, zich aan te kunnen sluiten bij de Presbyteriaanse Kerk in Canada, daar zij in haar Confessie dicht nadert aan onze Geref. en Orth. Herv. Kerken.

En hoewel het heimwee ons steeds opnieuw kan overvallen, is het toch zo uitermate troostrijk in der kerk in Canada te kunnen zingen, al begeeft onze stem ons soms bijna, uit de Psalm—en Liederenbundel van de Presb. Kerk: Hymn No. 300, vers 3:

For her my tears shall fall
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

Vertaling: Mijn tranen zal ik om Haar wenen
Voor haar zal ik mijn gebeden opzenden
Voor haar zullen mijn zorgen en moeiten zijn
Totdat zorgen en moeiten zullen ophouden.

Laat ons zo in Canada zijn, en het zal land en kerk van Canada ten goede zijn. Want de kerk in Canada is in nood. Heeft God ons hierheen gezonden om te helpen?

—*E. G. Vandenberg-Martini.*

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Translated

A Dutch voice: Give your love to the Church of our Lord.

My dear Dutch brothers and sisters in the Lord.

While it is not possible to visit you personally and to greet you, it is very good to do this in this way. It would be very pleasant to have handshakes and to talk a moment about the things, which trouble us Dutch men and women in Canada, materially as well as spiritually. When we are of orthodox Christian principles, either Calvinistic, Christian Reformed or reformed, primarily it is for us a very great miss, not to be able to unite us with our compatriots in the Service of the Word on Sunday.

It gives us trouble, not to speak our language.

It gives us trouble, that often our work is not, as we did expect.

But we came here, to consolidate our social state as the Netherlands cannot guarantee a good piece of bread for everybody within its borders because of overpopulation. And so we are in the way of the Lord by coming here and in seeking opportunities, in which we according to the words of the Psalmist 34 (rythmed) . . . ''without sorrow may see good days''.

And notwithstanding we are very anxious to continue our Dutch Church life and here in wide surrounding country there is not a Church, which is quite the same as in Holland, it is very comforting to join The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In its confessions it approaches very nearly our Dutch Christian Reformed or Orthodox Reformed Churches. And though our homesickness may oppress us, it is so extremely comforting to our souls to sing in the Church in Canada in the gathering of the community Hymn No. 300, verse 3.

Let us so be in Canada, so that it will be good for the country and the Church in Canada.

For the Church in Canada needs us.

Has God sent us to Canada to help?

She Is A Miracle

By Miss Laura K. Pelton

IT happened on the second Sunday that we were in Taiwan. Sitting on the platform at one of the church services and glancing over the congregation, suddenly our attention was riveted to a face. In the centre of the forehead was the tattoo mark of the Tyal tribe. From the corners of the mouth across each cheek to the ears were wide tattoo marks indicating that the woman, who had attracted our attention, had been married. The great dark marks would have marred an ordinary face, but this woman's was no ordinary face. On the contrary it was one of the most extraordinary we had ever looked upon. The straight nose, fine broad forehead and sensitive mouth were a defiance to tattooers, while the bright, magnificent eyes shone clear and happily above all blemish that man could inflict.

When I looked at her she bowed and smiled and in the smile as distinct as spoken language was a greeting in the name of our common Lord and Saviour. Never before had a message been conveyed to me in that fashion. The greeting revealed perfectly the miracle which was the woman.

It is not our intention in this note to our Society members at home to tell the story of this Tyal woman. We are leaving that to Mrs. Dickson, who knows it much better than we do, and who has promised to send it to *The Glad Tidings.* We are writing this bit in an effort to share with you the spell of wonder that was cast over us as a result of meeting and being in this woman's presence.

Quite a sizable party of us went from Taipeh to Sin-Tek for a meeting there and then on to the little West Coast Tyal village of Chiam Chioh for the service of dedication of the new church they had built themselves. The miracle woman and a Chinese woman lecturer at the University of Taipeh, who is married to one of our interested church business men, and I shared a room in the hotel at Sin-Tek and had considerable time together during the two days of this trip. According to many standards no doubt we appeared to be a strange trio. Not one of us felt the situation to be strange. Mrs. Lim, the Chinese woman, had to be interpreter, as she spoke English, the Tyal woman spoke Tyal and Formosan, so I was the one who made conversation awkward, requiring an interpreter. The important thing was that we were three women to whom Jesus Christ had brought life and life abundant and that fact formed the basis of our fellowship. It was just as simple as that. And one of the three, the Tyal woman, had been a

Christian less than two years. No wonder we call her the miracle woman. Only a miracle brings a person from the shadows and darkness of non-Christian tribal life to the light and glory of Christian faith.

At Sin-Tek she addressed the meeting in the church, which was crowded and bulging at the windows with hundreds standing outside. As she spoke you could have heard a pin drop anywhere in that crowd. Both Christians and non-Christians alike seemed to realize that a miracle was speaking to them. It was as though she baffled us all. Her face radiant with a message she was burning to give, she moved her shapely hands with a grace worthy of a queen, while her well-modulated voice carried in its varied tones and vigorous inflections the certainty of a triumphant faith.

At the Tyal church with the same grace and quiet confidence she translated from Formosan to Tyal for the service of dedication and for those bringing greetings. While not of that particular vicinity or group, yet there stood our wonder woman, a Tyal, gloriously transformed and renewed in her mind, speaking from Christian to Christian and all the while manifesting to all who cared to see, the miracle of God's redeeming love.

Dr. Hilda M. Lazarus

O.B.E.; B.A.; B.S.; M.B.; F.R.C.S. (Edin.); M.R.C.O.G.; F.I.C.S.; F.A.C.S.

A Visitor from Vellore

DURING the past weeks many across Canada have had the opportunity of hearing and of meeting Dr. Hilda M. Lazarus the recently appointed Principal of Vellore Medical College. Those who have had that privilege can no longer feel that Vellore Christian Medical College is merely a faraway institution to which grants of money are given but will feel that it is something very personal and will be glad that the Mission Boards of our Church are included in the forty Boards that co-operate in maintaining the College. ''Vellore is yours,'' said Dr. Lazarus.

It was indeed a rare privilege to hear so distinguished a representative of the Church in India for Dr. Lazarus ranks among the outstanding Christian women of India not only in the service she has rendered and in the position she occupies but also in the high honours she has won and that have been bestowed upon her, and in her loyalty to the Christian Church. Dr. Lazarus' grandfathers were both among the early converts to Christianity in India, both were disinherited by their families and both gave their lives with devotion to the service of the Church. Her father, a progressive educationalist and a pioneer in the field of co-education in India, was for many years the Principal of the High School at Vizagapatam. Having completed her studies at her father's school, Dr. Lazarus entered the local Hindu College where there were over five hundred boys and she was the only girl. She received her B.A. from the Presidency College in Madras following which she took a course at the Madras Medical College from which she graduated as a gold medallist; further studies followed in England and Ireland in obstetrics and gynecology; then six years in administrative and medical work in various communities in India; further study in Edinburgh where she was awarded the Edinburgh Fellowship in surgery; then a visit to the United States and Canada for the observation of developments in medical and nursing centres. Her distinguished service in India has brought her many honours. She has received the King Edward Thanksgiving Medal; the King George Coronation Medal; the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal and the Companion of the British Empire.

Speaking in Toronto on November 25th under the auspices of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council Dr. Lazarus showed the influence of the Christian Church in India to-day; the place of Vellore Christian Medical College in that land; and the pressing needs of that College if it is to achieve what it hopes to in the days ahead.

Dr. Lazarus pointed out that the evidence of the influence of Christianity on the New India is shown in various ways such as the law which gives to ''untouchables'' the same privileges as are given to others, that of mingling freely with their fellowmen; in the fact that in most of the provinces there is prohibition; and in the sincere attempt to have honest and upright men in government positions. Christianity is respected among non-Christians and in the recent days of great tribulation they realized anew that it was the Christians who gave and did not ''count the cost''; who toiled and did not ''seek for rest''; who laboured and did not ''ask for any reward'' save that of knowing that they were doing the will of God.

In this day of great opportunity in India Vellore Christian Medical College is trying to do its part in meeting the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people of India. For thirty years it has been training Indian women and last year for the first time it opened its doors to men students. Men and women with the spirit of Christ are wanted to train in that institution. Students are chosen not only because of their academic standing but because they have heard the voice of the Lord. Only two out of forty-four students admitted are non-Christian. ''Why,'' asked a Hindu student of Dr. Lazarus, ''can you not just do philanthropic work? Why do you want to evangelize India?'' To which question she replied, ''Christ has so enriched our lives that we want to introduce that Friend to others.''

Vellore Christian Medical College is introducing that Friend to others. On ''the Indian road'' Vellore students go out and lepers are cleansed, the blind are made to see, the lame to walk, the illiterate taught to read and the Gospel is preached—the knowledge of practical things is passed on but above all Vellore passes on the love of Christ. In the college and in the hospital the day is begun and ended with worship. Prayers are offered in the laboratory and in the operating theatres. In the wards—the patients ask for prayer and they are taught that although the surgeons do the cutting and the stitching it is God that heals. Truly Vellore bears witness, such witness that when the chapel building had reached roof level but could not be completed because of lack of funds it was a healed Hindu leper who gave the money that the chapel might be completed. Vellore is indeed ''ecumenical'' in all its ways—forty Boards in many lands help to maintain it, members of staff represent many nations and all who come to Vellore for help receive it regardless of colour or creed.

The list of Vellore's needs is overwhelming—overwhelming if it were not for the faith that God will make possible that which will mean so much to India. Residences are needed for students and staff; class-rooms are needed; larger and better-equipped laboratories; offices for the staff, (the Principal has no office); more qualified professors and assistants and properly qualified people between the professors and the assistants that University recognition may be maintained; more operating theatres; a T.B. ward; a Psychiatric ward; proper accommodation for children; X-ray apparatus and many, many other important things such as libraries in College and hospital. There are no elevators in the buildings, there is no hot water in the wards, that has to be carried up three storeys from the outside, but in spite of the lack of many things a glorious work goes on.

Vellore has the land, in some cases the bricks to construct some of the necessary additions, but not the money to go on with the work. Dr. Lazarus has presented the need and those who heard cannot question the worthiness of the cause. The challenge must be met.

(For additional information see the article *Vellore* in the December *Glad Tidings.*) —*L.R.*

Kagawa's Views on Japan's Situation

IN his report on his tour in Japan, Mr. Sherwood Eddy, of the United States, writes of an interview he had with Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, who described the present situation of Japan as follows:

"Japan to-day is undergoing an unparalleled, a radical social and political revolution. The defeat has made us a new nation. When the Emperor acknowledged defeat on August 15, 1945, the mythology of Japan was shattered. . . . Japan's defeat would have brought on a bloody revolution, were it not for the American occupation. . . .

"Future Japan will owe much to General MacArthur, but the total revolution taking place is due to vast forces to which he has been able to give wise direction. The revolution is the resultant of war, the American occupation, and the Japanese character. I gladly welcome its ten principal achievements:

1. The denial by the Emperor of divinity and the firm establishment of the principle that sovereignty shall reside in the people. This is embodied in the new Constitution which begins: 'We the people . . . do ordain and establish'.
2. The legal recognition of labour unions.
3. The abolition of the centuries-old prostitution system.
4. The renunciation of the right of belligerency.
5. The emancipation of the peasant class by the establishment of the Farm Land Readjustment Law.
6. The firm establishment of freedom of thought.
7. The emancipation of women and granting them the franchise.
8. The Livelihood Security Law.
9. The checks and balances of a legislative, executive and judicial system of government.
10. The emergence of a Liberal-Social Democratic Cabinet. And, of course, the effort to undergird these reforms by a democratic system of education.

"Had it not been for the defeat of Japan, the above reforms would not have been realized in less than one or two centuries. The golden age of capitalism has gone. Defeat has compelled us to begin to socialize our economy. As a Christian socialist of course I rejoice in this. Although we are in the midst of an economic and political revolution, we have yet to see a spiritual revolution in needy Japan. If we do not have this, the glorious new Constitution will in time be reduced to a scrap of paper. The next few years will be a period of crisis for the whole future of Japan."

—*Ecumenical Press Service, Geneva.*

The World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4, 1949

Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the United States of America, in consultation with groups of consecrated Christian Chinese women in different parts of China.

Theme

The Lord is thy Keeper. Psalm 121: 5

A Call to Prayer

Millions of women today in seventy different countries will kneel at the altar of God to pray. Unified by prayer to the same God, we kneel as relatives in the same family with the same name, children of God.

The prologue of prayer is spoken by women of the Fiji Islands, who live near the International Date Line. The murmuring prayers continue westward following the sun until after many hours the Great Amen is sung in the cold Arctic and at the same moment in the tropical Tongas where Queen Salote leads the kneeling hosts in benediction.

In a thousand differing tongues our prayers will rise and from a thousand differing temples, but the Lord of Life hears all. His Spirit hovers above those who pray under the shade of His trees; it warms the hearts of those who worship in cold, barren rooms; it moves up and down the aisle of high cathedrals; and the Presence will be real in thatch-roofed chapels and bring a glow to mud-walled huts. God will precede His worshippers into hospitals and factories and radio stations.

Some will pray for bread and some for clothing. All will pray for peace and a deeper communion with God.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! All Nations, Come!
Let us worship the Holy One, Our God.
Come! O People, Come!
Let us adore the Creator, our loving Father.
His wisdom is beyond men's understanding.
His faithfulness reaches unto the skies;
His righteousness is like the mountains of God;
His judgments are a great deep;
O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
Praise is comely for the upright.
Give thanks unto God with the harp.
Sing unto Him a new song.

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;
Whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the strength of our lives;
Of whom shall we be afraid?

People: O God, our Father, we would worship Thee and adore Thee with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind. AMEN.

ADORATION

Psalm 121: (in unison, all standing)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Prayer: (Leader and People) We ''lift up our eyes unto the hills,'' our Father, because their silent heights have in them the quality of eternity—Thy divine quality. Thou art the strength beyond and within the towering ice-bound peaks; Thou art the warm, kindly Creator beyond and within the intimate green hills; Thou, too, art the loving Father, as tender as the violet at our feet; Thou art He in whom we live and move and have our being; Thou art ''closer to us than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.'' Accept our constant adoration and our yearnings to be more like unto Thee. AMEN.

Hymn of Adoration: (Tune: Hymn to Joy or Beecher)
Book of Praise No. 148, Verses 1, 3, 4

PENITENCE

Leader: *From whence cometh my help?*
People: *My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*
Leader: Seek ye the Lord while He may be found;
People: Call ye upon Him while He is near.
Leader: If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
People: If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The General Confession: (in unison)

Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done: and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. AMEN.

A Prayer from China: (offered by one chosen)

O God of all nations, grant, as we come before Thee in this hour of need, a spirit of prayer and supplication. We give Thee thanks and praise. We humbly confess our sins and iniquities and beseech Thee to forgive us and give us strength to sin no more. Restore in us faith in our fellow-men to do only the right by each other that all nations may live in peace and harmony.

Light our path, O Father, with Thy light of love that is beyond understanding.

Deliver us from intolerance and prejudice and replace them with understanding. May we put away our spirit of criticism and seek instead the spirit of service. Grant us love that knows no barriers of class and racial differences. May we learn to love those whom we have not seen by loving our neighbours whom we have seen. Save us from indifference to need and suffering everywhere. Give us willingness to sacrifice. Give us strength and courage to build a world wherein mankind may find abundant life in Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

ASSURANCE

Leader: *He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

People: The Lord hath forgiven our iniquities.
He hath cleansed our hearts from all sin.

Leader: Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.
Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you . . . : that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Hymn of Assurance: (Tune: St. Catherine), Book of Praise No. 545, Verses 1, 3, 4.

THANKSGIVING

Leader: *The Lord is thy keeper; The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.*
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
(If desired six women may offer sentence prayers of thanksgiving, to be followed by the litany of thanksgiving.)

Leader: We thank Thee, O Lord, for those courageous men and women who since the days of Pentecost have held high the vision and blazed the trail for the world-encircling Christian Church.

People: O Lord, help us to follow in their train.

Leader: We thank Thee for the noble men and women who today are at work on the highway of our God throughout the world.

People: O Lord, help us to join them in Thy work.

Leader: We thank Thee, Lord, that we are given to see in this dark hour the shining present task for all Christians. Help us to sense the need of immediacy for action, and of our personal responsibility.

People: O Lord, show us how to put our love into action.

Leader: But above all, we bless Thee ''for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord, Jesus Christ.''

People: And in His name we serve.

Leader: Let us humbly express our gratitude in this noble hymn of thanksgiving:

Hymn of Thanksgiving: (Tune: Winchester Old)
Book of Praise No. 261, Verses 1, and 3

OFFERING OF SELF

Leader: As Jesus, our Lord, during His period of preaching, retreated to the hillside for solitary dedication to the Father, so let us in this moment of silence offer ourselves, our substance and our service to Him and His Kingdom.

People: ''He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.''

Leader: Jesus said, ''He that saveth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.''

People: Paul pleaded, ''I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice . . . and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .''

Silent Meditation:

Leader: And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Thee. AMEN.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Address: A brief address on the significance of the World Day of Prayer, including the Projects to which the Offerings are given as set forth in the special leaflet, *What Your Money Does.*

Leader: . . . He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give . . .

We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er our gifts may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Offering: (soft music or a solo, if desired)

Prayer and Dedication: (all standing)

Dear Heavenly Father, as Thou didst increase the five loaves and two fishes, the gift of a child, to feed the multitude, so transform this our offering, given out of thankful hearts, that it may bless multitudes, whom, having not seen, we love. AMEN.

The Doxology

INTERCESSION

Leader: Let us now come before God in prayer for others.
Let us pray for our families.
A Prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for the children of the world.
A Prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for the King and for the leaders of our country and of our Commonwealth.
A Prayer by one chosen.

The National Anthem

Leader: Let us pray for all nations, and especially for the members of the Security Council of the United Nations whose decisions affect every man, woman and child in the world.
A Prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for the Christians of the world.
A Prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ in every land and for the World Council of Churches.
A Prayer by one chosen.

Hymn of Intercession: (Tune: Austria), Book of Praise No. 381

DEDICATION

Leader: *The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

People: O Lord, we dedicate to Thee our going out and our coming in. Daily as we step over our thresholds endow us with the sure knowledge that Thou art our Keeper, for in that consciousness we shall not fear to stand for unity and justice and brotherly love, never paying back evil for evil, never reviling when we are reviled. Indeed, help us, O Lord, in and out of our homes to keep on the ''apron of humility'' as the Apostle Peter advised us, to serve humanity.

Leader: We would be true followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: We would stand fearlessly with Him for the right as God reveals it to us in matters that concern our homes, our churches, our country and the peoples of the world, whom, having not seen, we will endeavour to love.

Leader: We would be concerned for definite persons believing that the power of God can change human nature and make men by His grace the children of God.

Leader and *People*: O Divine Redeemer, deepen Thou our belief in Thee and Thy truth; widen our concerns; revive Thy church beginning with me—just now. AMEN.

Hymn: (Tune: St. Clement), Book of Praise No. 671

Benediction: The Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace. AMEN.

All Offerings are sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto 5, Ontario, Treasurer.

The **World Day of Prayer Services** for March 4th—price one cent each may be secured from the Literature Department.

Two leaflets will be sent out with each order:

1. ''Planning for the World Day of Prayer.''
2. ''What our Money Does.''

The first leaflet gives suggestions for preparing for the observance; the second gives material for a brief address just before the taking of the offering.

The preparatory broadcast will be given March 3rd, 6.30-6.45 p.m. E.S.T. by Mrs. H. D. Martin of Prince Albert, wife of the Bishop of Saskatchewan.

New Organizations

Manitoba

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, First Church, Winnipeg. Pres., Miss Donna Lockerby, 189 Elm St., Winnipeg; Sec., Miss Florence Goartzen; Treas., Miss Barbara Wright.

Toronto and Kingston

Orangeville Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Hillsburgh. Leader, Mrs. Walter McFee, Hillsburgh.

Montreal and Ottawa

Ottawa Presbyterial—Explorer Group, St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa. Leader (pro tem), Mrs. G. H. Sparks, 322 Hamilton Ave., Ottawa. Explorer Group, Knox Church, Ottawa. Leader, Miss Joan Cruickshank, 353 Lyon St., Ottawa.

Hamilton and London

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, Port Elgin. Pres., Mrs. G. D. Martin; Sec., Mrs. Gibson Gour; Treas., Miss Hazel Lamont.

Prayer

O LORD, our God, Thou art our own God, and Thy Son, Jesus Christ, is our Saviour. We adore and praise Thee for Thy loving kindness and tender mercy toward us. We remember with grateful hearts all Thy great goodness and Thy wonderful works to us. For daily bread, for raiment and shelter, we thank Thee. For Thy loving and wise providence, we praise Thee. For all the gifts of mercy and grace which Thou hast given to us so freely in our Lord Jesus, we praise Thee, our Father. For our forgiveness and redemption, for the promise and hope of the more abundant and eternal life, we thank and praise Thee, our Father. For the Church of Jesus Christ and for our high calling in the Church, for the Holy Spirit and the precious gift of faith, for heavenly comfort, grace and peace, we praise Thee, our Father.

When we remember Thy great goodness to us, we confess with the Psalmist ''Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.'' Look with mercy upon us, our Father, and forgive us all our sin. Help us to know the joy of Thine obedience and to do Thy will with love to Thee. With Thy grace strengthen our weakness; with Thy Word and Spirit guide us into paths of truth and righteousness.

As Thou hast made the Church Thy dwelling-place upon earth, we invoke Thy richest blessing upon the Church of our Lord Jesus in all the world. Bless Thy servants so that they may boldly and faithfully give witness unto Thee. May Thy people have that perfect measure of faith that they may ever uplift the Lord Jesus before all men. Before Thy throne of grace we would ever uphold our missionaries in prayer and commend them to Thy loving care. Use them mightily, our Father, to fulfill Thy work of redemption.

God of all love, and Father of all mercies, grant Thy healing grace unto all who are sick, Thy heavenly consolations to the sorrowful and bereaved, the knowledge of Thy love and faith to the troubled and anxious. May Thy people everywhere have that perfect faith which knows that all things work together for good to them who love Thee.

We thank Thee, our Father, for Thy servant, our king, our gracious queen, and the royal family. Grant unto them the riches of Thy grace. Defend the king from all harm and evil; preserve him in health and strength to reign over us. Give to him Thy counsel and wisdom. Let Thy holy angels watch over the royal princess and the royal heir. Unite in faith and love Thy people everywhere that we may serve Thee in such faith until Thy Kingdom come and Thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Hear our prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

THE more we read and study about China the more we realize that the dust of battle has by no means cleared from that land, but the more we learn of the Christians at work in China the more we are assured that "rising through the dust" there is a Christian Church.

The story of that Church's rise is told by Archie R. Crouch in his book RISING THROUGH THE DUST. This is a good book to add to your Auxiliary Library and to pass around among the members of your Auxiliary for them to read. RISING THROUGH THE DUST is easy to read and leaves lasting impressions of individual Chinese Christians to whom the author introduces his readers, and the conviction that "minds and hearts and hands like theirs are continuing the struggle to build the Christian faith into the life of the Chinese nation."

The one convert baptized in secret by the first Protestant missionary Robert Morrison has now become a Protestant Church of some five hundred thousand members in nearly six thousand congregations but in spite of that it can still be said that "China is merely spotted with a few Christians." We meet some of those Christians at work in the pages of RISING THROUGH THE DUST. We find them in the National Christian Council and engaged in work of rehabilitation and restoration. We see them among the students in the schools and colleges guiding those students to adventures in Christian service. With the author we follow Chinese trails which lead us into cities and rural areas, among boat dwellers and occupational groups, to the Border Mission, to Yunnan, and to the very gates of Tibet. Of these trails Mr. Crouch says, "When I think of myself in historical relationship to Chinese trails, I feel like an American bulldozer I once saw lying half-mired in a jungle where it had been given up as a useless tool in a vain attempt to straighten and widen an old path. But when I think of Jesus Christ in relationship to Chinese trails, I see 'crooked paths made straight' and confidently expect that future generations will provide every citizen of China the opportunity to choose between Jesus Christ and the rest that the world has to offer."

The last chapter presents the "Chinese Contributions to the World Church"—contributions in art, church architecture, music, literature and above all in Christian personalities, who through days of trial "have shown an endurance, courage and fearlessness that not only inspires their fellow believers throughout the world but also serves as a powerful witness to the vitality of Christianity."

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

> ''Three things the Master hath to do,
> And we, who serve Him here below,
> And long to see His kingdom come
> May pray or give or go.''

THESE words by Annie Johnson Flint, so familiar to many, will ring the bells of memory in the minds of those who when in the Young Women's Department sang them at many camps and conferences. They still present to the members of the Evening Department a tremendous challenge, a challenge which is all the greater because of the chaos in which the world finds itself to-day. We would do well, perhaps, as we stand at the opening of a new year, to think again of the challenge these words present to us.

Pray: If we are to accept this challenge, we must make use of the source of all power—prevailing, triumphant prayer. The purpose of the Society is ''to unite the women and children of the Church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, at home and abroad.'' Are we being true to our purpose? What of our personal prayer life? Are we remembering daily before God the workers of our own Church and other churches as they carry His message to a troubled and bewildered world? Do we pray that we ourselves may be used of God as He wills? In our Auxiliaries might we not revive the ''Fellowship of Prayer'' which we knew in the Young Women's Department, when individual members of Auxiliaries observed a ''quiet hour'' at a set time, to join with others in prayer. One Auxiliary arranged to hold its Fellowship of Prayer at half-past nine on Sunday morning when each member in her own home set aside this time for prayer.

Give: One of the natural consequences of prayer for the work of the Society is the desire to further that work by our gifts. Let us make a concerted effort for systematic giving on a weekly basis. ''Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him''. I Cor. 16: 2. Canada today is one of the most favoured nations in the world. Are we mindful of this as we set aside our offerings each week? Are we mindful of our safety, our peace, our comfort, our plenty? All we have is His, and we hold it in trust for Him. At the Christmas season we thought of the wise men who brought their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Let us throughout the year bring to the Christ the gifts of our substance, of our service and of our lives.

Go: As members of the Evening Auxiliaries most of us are no longer eligible to go to a mission field either in Canada or overseas. Our prayers may go, our substance may go, and we may influence young people who are considering what their life work is to be. Could we not give the young people with whom we come in contact some guidance, perhaps, so that they might decide to give full-time service to their Church? If they are not ready yet to make such a decision, we can urge them to complete their education. Overseas fields are calling to-day for trained personnel—for people to go in to work with the native church, as members of that church, not living in compounds, but in the villages with the workers, teachers, agriculturists, specialists in visual education—the choice is not limited, it is wide open. The doors are open now, but they may soon be closed, and now is the time when the Church must enter these open doors for which we have prayed.

''He needs them all,—the open hand,
The willing feet, the praying heart—
To work together and to weave
A threefold cord that shall not part.''

—*E. L. McClelland.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

''Introduction'' Article I

IN order to fully appreciate just how the money given for the work of our Missionary Society is used the Young Women's Department have picked out various aspects of that work to be featured each month on our Young Women's page in *The Glad Tidings.* We hope that each group will present this work at their monthly meeting, that it will be discussed and that they will consider that for that month their offering is being used to help in the particular work described.

Further information about the work being presented may be found in the Annual Report. Also from time to time information appears in *The Glad Tidings.* We hope that by drawing your attention to this work on our Young Women's page you will feel a keener interest in it.

We also want to point out that over and above the work which will be mentioned, in order to keep a Society such as ours functioning, there are over-all administrative and organization expenses that do not perhaps have the glamorous appeal of the specific pieces of work which we do. They are, nevertheless, essential if we are to carry on our work effectively.

Most of the forthcoming articles will be confined to our missionary work in Canada. At a later date we hope to present the work on our overseas fields. By contributing through your Presbyterial Treasurer to the General Fund of the Women's Missionary Society you are supporting the projects which will be described.

—*Agnes L. Johnston.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

A HAPPY New Year to the girls of The Presbyterian Church in Canada! The Candidates Secretary has been given the great privilege of preparing a message for you and is thinking of you as part of a great company of Christian girls throughout the world. It is gratifying to know that so many of you are helping the work of the Women's Missionary Society by your interest, your prayers and your offerings.

The girls in Christian schools in the far-off lands are interested in just the same sort of studies that you are, music, art, household economics and sciences. In the Helen Macdonald School, India, the girls are being prepared to train as Biblewomen, teachers, nurses and even as doctors. In this school there is a company of Girl Guides—the wee ones, (because of dark complexions) are called ''Blue Birds'' instead of ''Brownies''. In Formosa girls from the hill tribes are coming to learn about Jesus Christ for the first time and to be trained to work for Him in our school and hospital. The Formosans are very fond of music. Did you read about the All Formosa Youth Conference which 1,300 people attended, and the choir work, and wonderful concerts that were given? Have you heard about the young refugee nurse who walked most of the way to Yunnan province a distance as great as from the Yukon to Ontario, and is now helping Mrs. Gehman in Kienshui Hospital?

I am sure you are interested in our work nearer home too, in the Indian Schools and nursery schools where additions to our staff are always going to be needed—in St. Margaret's Girls' Centre and in our deaconess and regional secretary work in big cities and lonely places. Do you not like to think that you have a share in these things? Do you know any of our deaconesses and missionaries personally? Do you realize that they started to prepare for their life work when very little older than you are now? If any of you feel the stirrings of desire to know more about what it means to become a missionary won't you consult the Candidates secretary? It takes a long time to prepare and to decide what studies should be taken to use your special gifts and talents to the best advantage. It is not too soon to be thinking of these things very seriously.

May God's guidance and blessing be with you all in the coming year.

—*Muriel L. McMurrich,* Candidates Secretary.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

AH LOI was a little Chinese girl, perhaps nine or ten years old. News came to her home one day of a boarding school for girls in a city some distance away; and the more her grandparents and parents heard of the advantages offered by this school, the more they felt it would be a splendid opportunity for their little Ah Loi. There she could get a good modern Chinese education, a knowledge of English, music, and many other things. Moreover, she would be under the constant care of foreign ladies, who had won the esteem and confidence of many Chinese parents whose children had gone to their school.

In due time she found herself a happy pupil in a school full of other happy children.

She had not been long in residence before her interest was deeply aroused by the form of worship each morning and evening in the assembly hall. She could see no images of the gods such as she had been accustomed to seeing in her own house, no burning of incense, no offerings of food and wine to them. Prayer was offered with closed eyes and folded hands, to an unseen God of whom she heard wonderful things. He was a living God, the Creator of heaven and earth, who cared, with a great love for everything He had made.

What Ah Loi thought about most was the story of God's love for the world in sending Jesus that people might know Him. Before long she resolved that she, too, would love and trust and serve this wonderful heavenly Father.

Time passed, and she returned home for the New Year vacation. Shortly after her arrival, which was hailed with joy by all the family, she was told to bow before the household gods for the regulation New Year worship. To the utter astonishment of the family she refused to obey. She told them that she now worshipped the true God, and could no longer bow before idols. In great anger her grandfather gave her a cruel blow which knocked her down on the hard tile floor.

During the days which followed the family argued, scolded, threatened, but she still firmly refused to worship with them. Then the grandfather tried another way. If she would only give up this strange, new worship, he would buy her beautiful clothes and many other things which little girls love. This plan failed also, and he angrily ordered her to leave the main house and go to a little room across the courtyard, which was used for storing grain. She was told that such a disobedient child could no longer be counted a member of the family, but should be treated as a slave. This meant sharing the hard work of the servants and slaves of the household, and wearing the poorest of clothes instead of her bright, pretty coats.

Uncomplainingly, she carried the heavy pails of water, swept the floor and helped with all the kitchen tasks. No angry, impatient words crossed her lips, no sullen looks clouded her sunny face. Her family discussed the meaning of it all. What was there in this "foreign religion" which made Ah Loi willing to bear patiently any kind of hardship rather than give it up?

Finally, when they could not bear to punish her any longer they allowed her to go back to school. Her little heart was full of joy in returning to her Christian friends, and to her prayers for her family theirs were soon added.

Meanwhile God's spirit was working in her home. Her relatives, desiring to know something of this strange religion which meant so much to their little girl, began to study the "Jesus doctrine" for themselves. Before long, not only the old grandfather, but also the grandmother and the parents became worshippers of the living and true God; and when Ah Loi returned to her home she found that the ugly idols had all disappeared.

—Adapted from a story by Agnes I.
Dickson in *Our Children's Hour.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Armstrong, held their annual Thank-offering meeting in the church on November 17th with Mrs. Harvey presiding. The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. K. B. McKechnie. Miss Isabel McConnell was guest speaker and left a very inspiring challenge and a new vision of the ''fields white unto harvest''. She wore an Indian *sari* and displayed a number of Indian curios.

Westminster Presbyterial—Robertson Church, Vancouver, held the annual Thank-offering meeting recently with Mrs. F. W. Allott of West Point Grey Church as guest speaker. She took as her subject ''The messages of Jesus''. A remembrance service was held for Mrs. A. Wiggins who was a life member of the Society, and had served faithfully.

St. Stephen's - St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary held their fall Thank-offering meeting in the church on November 22nd with a good representation of the congregation present. Miss Isabel McConnell, guest speaker, gave vivid word pictures of the situation of the Presbyterian Mission in India, stressing the importance of the medical work, but more important—the bringing of spiritual freedom through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Indian people so bound by superstition. Rev. H. A. Berlis spoke briefly at the close of the meeting.

St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary met on November 25th to hear Mrs. Angus MacKay, returned missionary, speak on the work in Jhansi. Mrs. MacKay told of the need for more missionaries, as at the moment the doors to India are open and we should take advantage of the fact. She also pointed out the various ways of doing missionary work at home. It was felt that her stimulating address would greatly increase the interest in missions as the group looks forward to another year.

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON Presbyterial—On Sunday afternoon September 26th the Evening groups of Edmonton met in First Church to hear Miss Isabel McConnell from India. The service of worship was taken by Miss Helen McNeill, Miss Gladwen Williams, Miss Isabel Riddell, Miss Margaret McNay and Mrs. C. Reynolds. Miss McConnell inspired those present as she told of her experiences and declared that God had given His workers strength and power to do His will. Her Indian costume and curios attracted much interest.

A largely attended meeting of St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, was held at the home of Mrs. G. G. Elder, when Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N., of Jobat, India, answered the question ''Are Missions Worthwhile?'', in a very convincing manner, leaving no doubt in the minds of the listeners as to the value and importance of this part of the work of the Church. Miss McConnell brought a number of interesting exhibits and answered many questions about India and told of future plans for educational and medical work in a rapidly changing country.

At the September meeting of the Auxiliary of First Church, Edmonton, an In Memoriam certificate was presented by Mrs. Robert MacCrea in loving memory of her two sisters Miss Elizabeth MacLennan, who had served for many years in China, and Mrs. M. J. Munroe a life long member and officer in our Society.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The fall Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Innisfail. Representatives were present from all points except Rocky Mountain House. Mrs. H. Robinson the president presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. B. McGorman. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. C. J. Puzey.

Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick of Red Deer gave a full and comprehensive report of the Council Meeting she had attended in Toronto. She spoke of the need on all fields and of the progress made during the past year.

Miss Frieda Matthews gave an inspiring talk on the work being done on some of the foreign fields. She spoke of the challenge of the present time. *Now* is the time—the way is open now but no one can tell for how long. The consequent need is for more workers and more money. Miss Matthews also explained questions under discussion.

The affiliated group at Innisfail held their Thank-offering meeting with Mrs. A. B. McGorman as guest speaker, who chose as her subject "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Mrs. McGorman stressed the responsibility of women in the home as home-makers; in giving help to Sunday School teachers and C.G.I.T. leaders, etc.; of the challenge coming to women from the mission fields where opportunity knocks; the chance to help and to give and to encourage young people to choose the work of the Church as life work. A splendid programme was given by the members of the Mission Band and C.G.I.T.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA Presbyterial—A good representation from the Auxiliaries in Regina met in First Church on October 25th and listened with much interest to Miss Mary Sherrick as she gave an account of the work in the Bhil Field in India and of her own work in the school at Amkhut. She spoke of the great opportunity for the Church in the days ahead in India and stressed the need for Christian workers and asked for constant prayer for the missionaries and workers and for the people whom they serve. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, urged those present to remember the people who have gone to all parts of the earth to teach the Gospel. She spoke of the work being done in the Indian Schools, and of the Ukrainian and Chinese work in Canada. Mrs. W. Kelly, Synodical President, brought greetings.

The Walter Martin Memorial and Northside Girls' Groups had an opportunity of seeing slides of the school in Amkhut, India, of which Miss Mary Sherrick is Principal, on the afternoon of November 1st. Mrs. Frank Wood, Presbyterial President, conducted a sing-song. The same evening the Young Women's groups gathered at the home of Mrs. Frank Wood when Miss Sherrick again showed her slides and gave a talk on her work in India.

Stoughton Auxiliary held a very successful meeting on October 22nd when representatives from sister churches were present. The Rev. David Forbes, the minister, recently come from Ireland, conducted the devotional period. Mrs. Wood, Presbyterial President, told of the Council Meeting, giving a clearer insight into the various activities of the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Mary Sherrick, missionary teacher from Amkhut, India, explained the educational facilities in our mission schools there and how these are primarily for the children of Christian converts. Trades are taught to the Indian boys. Mrs. James Sherrick brought greetings from Moose Jaw Presbyterial. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, spoke on the words ''The Seed is the Word of God''. She said that there is need of this ''seed'' being sown among all people and gave an outline of the work in the northern parts of the province where she works. She spoke of the need of bringing the young people into our Churches and having them as workers for our Lord Jesus Christ.

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BRANDON Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Boissevain, held their Thank-offering meeting on October 6th in the church. A short devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Voodre and Mrs. Van Mossel. Two films were shown, the first a coloured one of Formosa taken by the Rev. James Dickson; the second ''Beyond Our Own,'' a sound film with a very strong missionary appeal. Both films were excellent and the interest and response from the people was very encouraging.

October 17th was Women's Missionary Society Sunday in First Church, Brandon, when the service was conducted by members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. J. McLeod presented the highlights of the Council Meeting. This Auxiliary has also had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Ruccins of Liberia, Africa, tell of the educational work she and her husband are doing there.

On October 15th Miss Frieda Matthews was in Brandon and gave a report of the Columbus conference. She stressed the great challenge to the Church to-day, the need for the Church going out to the people whether they live in cities, villages, or in rural districts.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the Elizabeth L. Abey Mission Band, Vivian and Ella McLean received their Life Membership Certificates and Patsy Tackaberry, Grace Alexander, Mae Montgomery, Alice Reeves, Ann Carol and Gloria Bullied their third and second year seals.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Melita Auxiliary was held in the church in October with a record attendance of 115. A general invitation had been extended and the members were pleased to welcome men and women of the congregation, and visitors from the United Church and Anglican Church in Melita and from Elva and Hartney Presbyterian Churches. After the service of worship conducted by members of the Auxiliary, Rev. David Forbes, the minister in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Stoughton, Saskatchewan, who was an evangelist and Army Scripture Reader in Syria and Palestine during the war, gave a lecture showing pictures which he had taken in the Holy Land, and told particularly of Holy Week spent in Jerusalem. His very interesting and inspiring address made the life of Christ more real.

Superior Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, and Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, were in the district to work among the Sunday Schools, C.G.I.T., Explorers and Mission Band Groups. There was a rally of Sunday Schools held in First Church, Port Arthur, when the Sunday Schools from Gresley Park, Oliver Road, Helen St. and First Church took part. Miss Macarthur showed a film of mission work in China and used a flannelgraph to illustrate a story of Africa.

At the opening meeting of the Explorers in Gresley Park, Port Arthur, seven members graduated into C.G.I.T. There were well over one hundred present when fifty-three graduated from Mission Band into Explorers at Gresley Park where the initiation as Explorers took the form of a candle lighting ceremony. This group had as their guests. the C.G.I.T. and the C.G.I.T. of First Church and their parents. Miss Macarthur spoke to the Explorers and Miss Walker addressed the members of the C.G.I.T. and the parents.

Miss Macarthur and Miss Walker also attended meetings of Mission Bands and Explorers in St. Andrew's, Fort William, as well as of other Mission Bands in the district. They visited Geraldton where they spoke to the Auxiliary and Fort Frances where various meetings had been arranged.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The fall Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Stonewall, was held on November 11th at the home of Miss Lydia Anderson. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President, was guest speaker and gave a most interesting report of the recent Council Meeting. Mrs. Bradley stressed the importance of each member being ''Missions conscious'' and of interesting others in our Society by talking about it. Mrs. B. Gerdis, one of the new members, gave a timely paper on ''Thanksgiving''.

First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held a meeting on Tuesday, November 2nd, at which Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President, gave a most comprehensive report of the Council Meeting held in Toronto.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. James Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held on Tuesday, November 16th, at which leaders of the C.G.I.T., Mission Band and Explorer Groups gave a brief account of the work being done in their respective groups and lantern slides were shown.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —On October 27th the Allenford Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting. Representatives from Tara, Elsinore and Owen Sound were present. Mrs. Tolton presided and an impressive Thanksgiving message was given by the guest speaker, Mrs. John Hart of Port Elgin.

On November 9th a Presbyterial Executive meeting was held in the Manse, Paisley, Mrs. Bryce, the President, presiding. Encouraging reports were given at the morning session. After the transacting of routine business at the afternoon session, Mrs. Fisher, Wiarton, described her life as the wife of a pioneer missionary in the Peace River district.

Chatham Presbyterial — Myra Lou Guyitt, age 14, of Helen Barnett Mission Band, Mount Zion Church, Ridgetown, who five years ago was presented with a Junior Certificate, followed annually by the blue, silver and gold seals, recently received the red triangle seal by which she automatically becomes a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Speaking on ''Prayer'' at the Thank-offering meeting of Duart Auxiliary, Mrs. D. Ford of Dutton, queried ''Are we a praying nation?'' and emphasized the necessity of the individual having a ''set time each day to commune with God.''

The Auxiliaries of Knox Church, Windsor, had a joint Thank-offering meeting at which Miss Christine Cameron was the guest speaker and gave a vivid description of her work as nurse and teacher with the South American Indians in Brazil.

The Rev. Laszlo Borsay who is in charge of displaced persons in south-western Ontario spoke at the Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary in Mount Zion Church, Ridgetown. He said, ''A great religious campaign has commenced: fear has driven the people to realize the help of a Christian faith in the midst of oppression.''

Hamilton Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Carluke, celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 22nd. Mrs. Stewart presided and the Presbyterial President, Miss A. J. Ritchie, was the guest speaker.

The 60th anniversary of Knox Auxiliary, Port Dover, was held November 3rd. The only remaining charter member, Mrs. Henry Sinclair, reviewed the history of the Auxiliary and gave the minutes of the first meeting held in 1888 as well as the minutes of the Golden Jubilee in 1938. Mrs. Langford, Simcoe, was guest speaker.

The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Burlington, celebrated their 70th birthday on November 5th. Miss Ritchie, Presbyterial President, based her inspiring message on the 23rd Psalm.

The North Pelham Auxiliary, one of the oldest in the Presbyterial, held a birthday party November 11th to celebrate its re-organization thirty years ago. Miss Louise Reith, who has the distinction of being the only baby ever to be born in North Pelham Manse, was the guest speaker at this party.

Maitland Presbyterial—Mrs. Taylor, Goderich, was the speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Wingham. At this meeting an Honorary Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Kenneth McLean, widow of the late Rev. Kenneth McLean, a former minister of St. Andrew's. Mrs. McLean is a Past President of this Presbyterial and is an ardent worker in all activities of the Women's Missionary Society.

At sectional meetings held in Erskine Church, Dungannon and Knox, Teeswater, Mrs. D. Sinclair stressed the importance of interesting young women in the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. John Bell, Kincardine, reported on the Council Meeting held in Toronto and Mrs. Mowbray, Wingham, on the Synodical Board meeting in London.

Mrs. J. S. Shortt, Kincardine, spoke at the Thank-offering meeting of Kinlough Auxiliary which was held at the home of Mrs. E. Bushell.

Sarnia Presbyterial—The founding of Sarnia Presbyterial sixty years ago was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, Petrolia, in October. Mrs. Stokes (who is in her 100th year) a charter member of the Petrolia Auxiliary gave words of welcome. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Stokes was made the Honorary President of the Presbyterial. Greetings were given by the past presidents who attended and were read from past presidents who were unavoidably absent. Mrs. Gallie, Forest, led in an impressive ''Service of Remembrance''. Mrs. D. Munro, Synodical President, was speaker and brought many inspiring thoughts gleaned from the recent Foreign Missions Conference at Columbus, Ohio. A feature of the afternoon was the presentation of Life Membership Certificates to outstanding members from the various Auxiliaries throughout the Presbyterial.

At the fall Thank-offering meeting of the Mary and Martha Auxiliary St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, the speaker, Mrs. S. M. Scott, chose as her text, ''Behold my Hands.'' She pointed out the many ways we use our hands in the work of the Master.

On August 20th West Adelaide Auxiliary held a social afternoon when they honoured five octogenarians: Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. McFuroy, Mrs. Conkey and the Misses Watson, the two latter being Life Members and also charter members of the Auxiliary founded forty-nine years ago. A corsage was presented to each of the five. Mrs. Campbell, a member shut-in for many years, was remembered with an autograph album filled with good wishes from her many friends.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the Mooretown Auxiliary Mrs. McEwen was the speaker.

At Corunna Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting Mrs. Killen, visiting speaker, based her remarks on ''The Prophet Amos and his message.''

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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At an open meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston held in Calvin Church, Toronto, October 28th, Rev. and Mrs. T. K. Chiu of Kunming, China, told of the workings of the communists in China and said ''the love of Christ can conquer communism''. Tan Seh-Chang, a fourth generation Christian from Formosa studying at the Toronto Bible College, told of the work being done in Formosa by the missionaries. He urged the mother church in Canada to send as many missionaries as possible that we may not lose the present opportunity for it may not come again. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, President, presided.

Algoma Presbyterial — The Rosalind Goforth Auxiliary and the Midweek Fellowship group of Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, held a joint Thank-offering meeting when Rev. P. J. Hammersen gave an illustrated talk on his recent trip to the Netherlands.

The Senior Auxiliary of Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, has presented Life Membership Certificates to two of its members this year.

Guelph Presbyterial—Representatives from ten neighbouring congregations joined with the ladies of St. David's Church, Campbellville, in their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Chiu, a missionary of the Church of Christ in China in Yunnan, was the speaker giving a vivid picture of the work being done among the non-Christian people.

To listen to Mrs. Chiu is to become interested.

Lindsay Presbyterial — The Wick Auxiliary celebrated its sixtieth anniversary on November 3rd with visitors present from Cresswell, Sonya, Woodville, Beaverton, Oshawa, Leaskdale, Quaker Hill and Lindsay. The service, conducted by the president, Mrs. Ray McCully, included a brief sketch of the organization of the Auxiliary on February 9, 1888, by Miss Robinson of Beaverton, who was the President of Lindsay Presbyterial. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, President of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston, gave an inspiring address showing the need for immediate action in missionary work. Tea was served in the school-room from the attractively decorated table presided over by Mrs. James Brabazon, whose aunt Miss Elizabeth Stewart was the first Treasurer, and Mrs. Peter Robertson, whose aunt Miss Jane Hadden was the first Secretary. The birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Imrie whose mother Mrs. McMillan was the first President.

North Bay Presbyterial — The fall Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in North Bay with members present from Sudbury, Burk's Falls, Parry Sound and North Bay. The president, Mrs. J. M. Campbell of Sudbury, reported the Synodical meeting held in Toronto.

Orangeville Presbyterial—At a sectional meeting of Orangeville North Presbyterial held in Erskine Church, Dundalk, Miss Edna Goodwill, home from British Guiana, vividly depicted the great need of that country in her address ''A Sunday, and the work accomplished by the missionary.''

The Presbyterial Young Women's Rally was held in Knox Church, Grand Valley on November 10th. Mrs. Donald Sinclair, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, spoke on ''Christianity''—the need of it in the mission fields and in our own lives.

A Teen-age Rally of the girls of the Presbyterial was held in Tweedsmuir Church, Orangeville, with study groups on the Bible, missions, handcraft and recreation, under the leadership of Miss Mary Whale, Miss Margaret Webster, Miss Olive Grant and Mrs. George Aitken respectively. Reports were given by three delegates to camp. A poster contest was won by the Ospringe C.G.I.T.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh, held a supper meeting October 26th and had as their guests the session and their wives. Mr. Charles W. MacMurchy, Clerk of Session, was a member of the original Mission Band formed some fifty-eight years ago. A memorable milestone in the history of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Hillsburgh, was the celebration in the church on November 6th of the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the Auxiliary. A short historical review was given stating that Mrs. A. MacMurchy assisted Mrs. Armstrong in the organization service. There were thirteen charter members. A splendid Home Helpers Department has shared in the work for many years. As well as the Auxiliary there is an active C.G.I.T., an Explorer group and a Mission Band, the latter organized in 1890, the first Mission Band in Orangeville Presbyterial. At the anniversary visitors were present from Port Dover, Guelph, and Toronto and greetings were brought from several other Auxiliaries and Churches, as well as from the Presbyterial Executive and Synodical Society. Miss Edna Goodwill gave a most interesting address on her work in British Guiana.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. J. R. Hill, 250 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Press Secretary

LANARK and Renfrew Presbyterial—Carleton Place was the setting for the Presbyterial Executive meeting at which Mrs. Ashby presided and Miss Mae Johnston conducted the service of worship. A fine Mission Band Rally was reported by Mrs. Lindsay. Mrs. Culhane reported increased givings. A welcome visitor was Mrs. Vias, a recent arrival from Greece. As a tribute to the late Mrs. J. S. MacCallum, the Honorary President of the Presbyterial and the oldest member of Westminster Church, Smith's Falls, members of Smith's Falls Auxiliary and Ladies' Aid formed a guard of honour at the church at the time of the funeral service.

Ottawa Presbyterial — The Presbyterial suffered a loss recently in the death of two secretaries—the late Miss Katherine Reid, Welcome and Welfare secretary and Miss Mary Masson, Life Membership secretary. Both held office over a long period of years. Miss Reid was also an active and most efficient volunteer worker in the Chinese Mission. Early in the first war Miss Masson organized a Girls' Club which met weekly with a missionary programme once a month. Later this became the Mary Masson Evening Auxiliary. For more than thirty years Miss Masson was present every Monday evening. This was typical of her faithfulness in every department of church work.

Miss Mary Arnott presided when Erskine Young Women's Auxiliary, Ottawa, entertained the Evening and Senior Auxiliaries at their regular meeting, when Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta gave a talk on ''Cathedrals''.

In recognition of her many services Mrs. Robert Good was presented with an Honorary Membership Certificate at a meeting of Erskine Auxiliary. At this meeting Mrs. E. Logan and Mrs. S. Smith were also honoured. Mrs. Roffe, a missionary from Africa, emphasized the faithfulness and love of native Christians shown in times of trial and difficulty.

More than a hundred enthusiastic children representing eleven Bands were present at the Annual Mission Band Rally held in Erskine Church, Ottawa. Mrs. W. J. Fuller presided. Margaret Ann Ritchie of ''Shining Star'' Band and Mrs. Knauff ''Goforth'' St. Giles led in the devotions. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta brought greetings from the Presbyterial. The offering was received by two boys from Woodlawn and dedicated by Mrs. Robertson, Westboro. Mrs. F. Duminy explained where the money went and how it was spent. Two members from each Band took part in a discussion of the value of Mission Band work. Mrs. Roffe, a missionary from Africa, held the interest of the children as she told stories and stressed the needs of Africa. About thirty certificates and seals were presented by Mrs. Logan-Vencta.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, Mrs. H. C. Ellis a former president of the Auxiliary was presented with an Honorary Membership Certificate by Miss Jean Grant. Mrs. Collingwood presided; Rev. Hugh Creaser was the special speaker. Mrs. A. Thorburn was also honoured at this meeting.

Treasurer's Statement

November, 1948

RECEIPTS:

Transferred from Legacy Fund	$ 70.50
Transferred from Peace Thanksgiving Fund	169.00
Transferred from Pension Fund	50.00
Transferred from Special Fund for Car	1,092.82
Miss Morton "Support of Native Worker"	10.00
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Income Tax	314.85
Central Committee, Evening Department "St. Margaret's Girls' Centre"	50.40
Synodical Societies:	
Toronto and Kingston	7,441.60
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	1,158.40
Montreal and Ottawa	4,990.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	67.00
Hamilton and London	5,800.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	160.70
Alberta	485.00
Alberta, Supplies	127.10
British Columbia	1,000.00
	$23,597.78

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 158.32
Birtle, Government Grant	3,230.09
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,519.71
Chinese in Canada	1,017.28
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St. Margaret's Centre	498.82
Children's Centre	307.71
Organization	1,019.77
Supplies	2,055.57
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Christian Literature	400.00
India:	
Bhil Field	227.00
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Formosa	176.78
Port Work	168.20
Hospitalization	54.00
Income Tax	324.45
Missionaries' Personal Account	43.80
Missionaries' Expenses	745.01
Deputation	25.70
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Grants	275.00
Transferred to Peace Thanksgiving Fund, Special Gift	125.00
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Interest	$ 71.00
Estate of Miss Bessie Quarrier, through MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, "Christian Literature"	1,123.80
Estate of Miss Alethea MacKay, through St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, "Foreign Missions"	200.00
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Estate of Mrs. Sarah Caroline Gillespie, through St. Paul's Church, Port Hope	200.00
Pension Fund—	
Interest	182.25
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	18.00
Transferred from General Fund	125.00
	$1,945.05

DISBURSEMENTS:

Special Fund—	
Payment on Car for Miss Walker	$1,092.82
Overseas Fund—	
Orphaned Missions	1,000.00
Pension Fund—	
Transferred to General Fund	50.00
Legacy Fund—	
Interest on Permanent Endowments Sent to Bhil Field, India	70.50
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March together toward His temple, do the task His hands prepare;
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—Henry Van Dyke.

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The Glad Tidings

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SEVERAL months ago Mrs. Inkster told the representatives to the Women's Missionary Society Council then meeting in Toronto, that the newly appointed Editor of *The Glad Tidings* would have her chance to speak to the members of the Society through the pages of our magazine. Now, on my second day as the occupant of the Editorial office, I am taking that opportunity.

A rare privilege has become mine—that of assisting in sending forth to you ''glad tidings'' of the work being done by you in your own community, the work of your representatives in the missionary field, and the news of the missionary enterprises being carried on throughout the world.

Through the years the standards set for the magazine have been high ones. I appreciate the earnest endeavour and sincere purpose which has made *The Glad Tidings* helpful to you. That has not been done without your help, whether you be a worker on the field or a Society member. Humbly I seek your continued co-operation hoping that together under God's guidance we can do our part through the medium of the written word, in the great task which Christ gave His disciples: to bring to Him all the children of the earth.

—*Mary E. Whale.*

Miss Margaret Boyd appointed deaconess at Flin Flon.

Miss Margaret Boyd has been appointed to serve as deaconess in Flin Flon, Manitoba. Miss Boyd has been serving in the Okanagan district since May 1948. She graduated from the Deaconess Training School in April, last year. Her work in her new field will be to establish Sunday Schools, and organizational work among the people there who have never been served by our Church. There are 10,000 people resident in Miss Boyd's new field and one third of that number are under 17 years of age. The best wishes of the whole Society will go with Miss Boyd as she begins her work, that the forthcoming months may prove helpful and inspiring both to her and to the people of Flin Flon.

Miss Boyd

EDITORIAL

We have in our *Glad Tidings* this month a story of the encounters which Miss Blackwell has had in her work as port receptionist. It has warmed our hearts to know of the kindness she is able to show to persons who are enduring much to make a new life away from the tyrannies and conflicts of the lands from which they have come. It is good to know that our Church is taking a part in this work and from Miss Blackwell's account we realize that she is happy to be serving in such a way. She must often wonder how her proteges fare when they reach the communities in which they intend to reside. She must often hope and pray that we, from our homes are reaching out to our new neighbours to extend the hand of fellowship and kindness. Yet there appeared not long ago in *The Challenge* a small paragraph which stated that in the first half of last year, fifty-seven thousand newcomers to our country had arrived and at the time of writing Protestant churches had done little to plan help for them in their task of adjusting to our way of life. What a tragedy it will be, for our land and for us, if we fail to carry on the work which Miss Blackwell and others like her are doing; if we fail as missionaries in the task which is right at our door. How happy will be the woman from Holland or from a displaced person's camp, if she can find a place among us, and in her turn make her contribution to the great missionary enterprises which are ours!

Much is being written these days concerning the future plans of missionaries of all Churches who are engaged in Christian work in China. From day to day the pattern seems to change. In a report released by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in New York city, on December 28th, a statement was made which indicates that a large percentage of the workers planned to remain at their posts for the present. Those being evacuated were wives of missionaries with small children, and missionaries scheduled for retirement.

Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland, secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., expressed the general view held by mission boards when he recently wrote to members of his denominations that "True to the highest traditions of the missionary enterprise, even though some personal risk may be involved, it seems essential that we try to maintain our Christian program in co-operation with the Chinese Christians in the areas facing Communist control."

Birtle students at Extension Course, Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

Two of the Birtle students who completed their Household Science course with satisfactory marks were given a free trip, lodging and entertainment in Winnipeg city for four days during last November. These two girls came back thrilled with their tour of Winnipeg and the way they had been treated.

The following is a letter received by Mr. Rusaw, principal of the Birtle Indian School, Birtle, Manitoba, from the Assistant Director of Extension Service, Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

I felt I should write you about the two girls—Julia Bird and Irene Johnston—who attended Winnipeg Club week as representatives of your school.

We were particularly pleased to have these girls with us, and feel that they were a real credit to your school. They were always pleasant, happy, courteous and willing to enter into every activity. I feel sure that they got something worth while out of the trip, and I hope they received some inspiration to take back to the others in your school.

From "The Times of India"

''Christian Missions, especially in South India, have done a great deal of useful work. But for them, a very large and significant part of the population would have gone without literacy, without the blessings of knowledge and without enlightenment of modern progress.'' This was the statement Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Dewan of Mysore made on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Malabar Christian College. Equally felicitous were the references in the Governor-General's message: ''Christian colleges all over India'' said Mr. Rajagopalachari ''will continue to flourish, for the Government of new India is no enemy to any religion or any religious institution.''

Such attitudes as stated in the Indian press are hopeful indications of the continued progress the Christian Churches can make in that great land.

Wedding Bells at Birtle, Manitoba.

On Saturday, December 18, 1948, two staff members of our Birtle Indian School, Mr. William Watton and Miss Catherine McLeod were united in marriage. The ceremony took place in the School Chapel which was decorated with white streamers and bells, flowers, plants and ferns. The bride wore white satin with a floor length veil. Her train bearer was Louise Johnston, a student from the Mistawasis Reserve. Principal N. M. Rusaw and Mrs. Rusaw attended the bride and groom. The guests were received by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Kenny and Miss Stewart. Miss Kenny was in charge of the wedding banquet which was enjoyed not only by the guests, but also by the thirty-two children, then in attendance at the school.

Friends of Miss Gertrude Rollo, R.N., who is serving our people in Amkhut will be thankful to know that the condition of her health is much improved. Strangely enough, Dr. Maurer of the hospital in Jhansi, who attended Miss Rollo, and accompanied her to Amkhut, became ill herself while there. Now physician and patient are sharing a room in Amkhut, and are cheerfully convalescing together.

The World Day of Prayer Services, March 4th, 1949.

The World Day of Prayer programmes and the Service of Worship for Girls price one cent each, may be secured from the Literature Department.

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1. ''Planning for the World Day of Prayer.''
2. ''What our Money Does.''

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The preparatory broadcast will be given March 3rd, 6.30-6.45 p.m. E.S.T. by Mrs. H. D. Martin of Prince Albert, wife of the Bishop of Saskatchewan.

Of special interest to girls and leaders of girls will be the Service for Girls—prepared by Miss Muriel Israel, Girls' Work Secretary of the Toronto Religious Education Council. This is the first year that such a service has been available especially for teen-age girls. It is a beautiful service, based on the theme ''The Lord is My Keeper''.

The Work of a Port Receptionist

Miss Hilda F. Blackwell

Miss Blackwell

IN the summer of 1947 as a student of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, and last year as a graduate, I was assigned by the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, as port receptionist in the Province of Quebec and in my free time from the docks as secretary to the Director of the Assembly's Immigration Committee, the Rev. H. R. Pickup. During the season just closed on the St. Lawrence there has been considerably more shipping and consequently less time for me to be in the office. As a result, we have had to have additional stenographic help from time to time to send out our letters of welcome direct to immigrants who have arrived at Halifax and the St. Lawrence ports, as well as the follow-up letters informing the ministers and the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries of the Women's Missionary Societies (W.D. and E.D.) at their destination that newcomers have arrived and would appreciate a call from the Church.

Most of our Church's representatives report to our office that they are well received by the new Canadians and their visits have been appreciated even by those who were members of some other denomination (although we had sent out the names believing them to be Presbyterians). From direct letters of welcome we have received many encouraging replies, and some which requested further assistance.

Just a few days ago a lady who had been a resident of Canada for a number of years telephoned our office on behalf of her niece who had just recently arrived in this country as a Displaced Person from Germany and had been assigned to domestic service with a Jewish family. On receiving our English letter of welcome (because we did not yet have one printed in her language—Roumanian) she had asked the lady of the house to read it and tell her what it contained. The answer was brief, "It just says 'Welcome to Canada' "; and when the lady was about to destroy it, the girl protested. She wanted to keep it because it was addressed to her, even though she couldn't read it; but at her first opportunity she asked her aunt, who was living in another part of the city, to read it to her. I was told that the girl had been thrilled to receive the letter in the first place, and both she and her aunt were pleased with its contents and wanted us to know how much it means to them to feel that they are wanted in Canada, that they have friends in the Church to assist them in becoming accustomed to Canadian ways and to champion their cause when the employers forget the human rights of the people who have lost their homes in their old land and have come to Canada to find sanctuary and security.

In my contacts with people in connection with the welcome work and assistance to them as they disembark from the boats which have docked at Montreal or at Quebec, I have been told the same thing in various ways, chiefly in the warm way they say ''Goodbye'' and cling to me as I see them on their trains or on the Canadian Transfer buses which take them to the stations. It isn't unusual for me to receive a motherly kiss from ladies I have helped in a special way. I am thinking, especially of the tender parting from an elderly lady who had fallen on board ship and had been in the ship's hospital all but the first day of her voyage from England. Because it was difficult for her to walk she had required special help in finding her baggage, passing Custom's inspection and an escort to take her to her train after her luggage had been checked through to destination. I was with her less than two hours but as I left her in the care of the porter in her sleeping car she kissed me as though I were a relative being left behind.

Then there was the lady from British Guiana about whom we had been advised by the Rev. Mr. Elder. She was not an immigrant, but we were asked to assist her during her stopover in Montreal as she was en route to visit her married daughter in Nova Scotia where she was also to have medical treatment. This lady wrote me while in Nova Scotia and later after she returned to British Guiana that she would have been completely lost in Montreal without me. She, too, treated me as a daughter as I left her in the care of the T.C.A. officials.

The work of a port receptionist in Montreal is of an interdenominational nature. We do not ask the people their religion as we render them travellers' aid service. I only learn that if they themselves tell me when they read the welcome ribbon I wear below my deaconess pin. Many who have been most appreciative have told me that they were Roman Catholics or members of the Church of England. Here I am reminded of the two elderly Roman Catholic ladies who each insisted on giving me a dollar for our ''missionary fund'' because they did so appreciate my assistance in getting them sleeping reservations, allowing them stopover privileges in Toronto when they were en route to live with a relative in British Columbia.

I have had many experiences with young mothers who were en route to their husbands, but one I remember most because the lady wrote me a nice letter after she arrived on Vancouver Island, telling me of her pleasant trip across Canada, and expressing appreciation of what I had been able to do for her between the boat and her train. She certainly had needed assistance with her two fretting babies while she was trying to cope with the problems of Custom's inspection and checking of her baggage to her destination. It was a pleasure to have been able to help her both at the dock and at the station in the two hours before her train was due to leave.

Then there was a young woman who arrived in Montreal early one Sunday morning. She was en route to Saskatchewan to be married to a Canadian ex-serviceman. Being an absolute stranger to Montreal she didn't know what to do to fill in her time between the boat and her train that evening. This was when I, too, was a comparative stranger in this city. I suggested that we might do a little sightseeing together, but first we would go to Church if we could get her sleeping accommodation in time. We were a little late as we hurried into Christ Church Cathedral (she was a member of the Church of England). How she did enjoy being able to have communion in her own Church as she began life in Canada, and she wrote me a lovely letter later telling me of her wedding and expressing again her appreciation of the happy day we had spent together in Montreal.

This summer I have been meeting ships at Quebec when we knew they would not proceed further up the St. Lawrence to disembark their passengers. A little English family from one immigrant ship was detained in Quebec because their little boy had a high fever and the doctors were not able to diagnose the trouble before the trains were due to leave for Montreal. I gave what encouragement I could, left my name and address with them and told them to get in touch with me on their way through Montreal. It was a week later that I received a phone call just after seven o'clock asking me if I could get them a little food for the kiddies to take with them on the train, as their money was getting low. Their train was due to leave in an hour and a half. They were so glad to see someone they knew and told me how much it means to have someone take an interest in them when they are strangers to the country.

One day as I was walking through Windsor station after trying to contact a family about whom Miss Forsyth, our receptionist in Halifax, had telegraphed, I was surprised to see a lady I recognized coming in with passengers from a train from the West. This lady was from the Netherlands and could not speak a word of English, nor did she know French, but she greeted me warmly and handed me a piece of paper containing four sentences written in both Dutch and English. I was unable to give her the information requested in three of the sentences, but I followed out the fourth suggestion, which, no doubt, was written for just such an occasion—I took her to the Dutch Consulate on Stanley Street. There I was asked to wait until they found her lodging with people who spoke her language, which was to be provided through the shipping agency with whom it had been arranged for her to return to Holland after a six weeks' visit with her daughter and young grandson in Northern Alberta. She had had to return to Montreal four days early because of the threatened railway strike as she dare not miss her boat. I was given the address to which to send her just at lunch time, and knowing that she must be hungry, I suggested, through the interpreter at the Consulate, that we should get a meal before putting her in a taxi. Having had experience before trying to order food in restaurants for people who could not read or speak English, I took her to the Y.W.C.A. Cafeteria where she could see what she wanted. After a pleasant meal, although we did not converse, I took her to the station for her baggage. Then, as I put her in a taxi and gave the driver the address to which to take her, her expression and the firm way she hugged me in parting I shall never forget. She waved to me from the taxi just as long as she could see me. There is a disadvantage sometimes in not knowing the language of these people from Europe, but they recognize kindness in any language; and when you say ''for the Kirk'' they beam with pleasure.

There have been many more incidents which I could tell, but these should be sufficient to give you an idea of what our service means to the people who arrive in Canada, whether they be new Canadians, visitors, or even returning residents, for we do not intentionally neglect people in need whatever their category.

It would be difficult to tabulate just what a receptionist does, for I have been called upon to do a wide range of things — from playing nursemaid to fretting children, to accompanying elderly ladies who are so absent-minded they shouldn't be travelling alone.

With its long line of piers and no central immigration building, Montreal does not lend itself readily to maintaining a supply department and a welcome room such as is possible in Halifax but we are hoping that next Spring when navigation opens again that we may be able to arrange a welfare centre in the Immigration Building at Quebec as an assistance to passengers disembarking from the ships carrying only immigrants and Displaced Persons from Europe which do not come up to Montreal.

When the people have been met at the boats, welcomed and sent on their journey, we go to the office of the shipping company and get the names and addresses of those in whom we are interested—those indicated as Presbyterian, Church of Scotland, Reformed, Protestant or Evangelical. It is from these lists copied from the ships' Index Books, which we are privileged to see, that we send out our information to the ministers and welfare workers. We regret that incorrect information is sometimes given, but we can be no more accurate than the records from which we copy. Steps are being taken by the Government to assure accuracy on the part of the ships' clerical staffs; meanwhile, we will appreciate the continued co-operation of all of our Church's welfare workers.

Children's Christmas Parties

THE annual Christmas closing of the Chinese Kindergarten, Vancouver under the able direction of Miss Ruth Yeandle and her staff was well attended by members of all the Churches and enjoyed by all present. The missionary theme was carried throughout the exercises, with the children in costumes of different countries. The songs, action verses, and games while entertaining, carried too, a sincere message. The work carried on by Miss Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung and Miss Annie Wilson is much appreciated.

The missionary theme of *Our Commission* was also carried into the Christmas concert of the Chinese Sunday School in a pageant arranged and directed by Miss Yeandle. The Christmas Story was presented in an interesting and profitable form aided by the songs by the Sunday School as a group, the Mission Band, Kindergarten and girls' club. The reading was done by Mrs. Norma Barlow Anderson. Rev. Y. N. Kwan and Rev. D. A. Smith were the speakers.

A delightful programme was given at the Presbyterian Children's Centre, when Miss Catherine Watson and Miss Helen Ross received parents and members of the various Churches to share in the Christmas exercises of the Centre. The flannelgraph which depicted the Christmas Story, the action songs, carols, rhythm band and dramatics were much enjoyed, and spoke also of the training and influence of the Christian work done in this community.

—From Westminster Presbyterial News.

C.G.I.T. Week

CANADIAN Girls in Training will celebrate C.G.I.T. week this year from February 13-20. Church services, special meetings, rallies and conferences will mark the week.

This movement, which was begun in 1915, has had steady growth until now over 30,000 girls and their leaders are members. The movement is planned interdenominationally—the Baptist, Church of Christ Disciples, Presbyterian and United Churches co-operate. Each group, however, becomes an integral part of the congregation to which it belongs.

There have been a number of worth-while achievements within the movement recently. New programme material has been prepared for the help of leaders. *My C.G.I.T. Book* is a new book in which C.G.I.T. members may keep a record of their group activities. An attractive calendar for 1949 is available.

When girls become members of C.G.I.T. they take as their motto the C.G.I.T. purpose:

Canadian Girls In Training

As a Canadian Girl in Training,
under the leadership of Jesus,
it is my purpose to
Cherish Health,
Seek truth,
Know God,
Serve others,
and thus, with His help, become
the girl God would have me be.

C.G.I.T. week will mean a time of rededication to this purpose.

Boys' and Girls' Sunday will be held on February the 20th at the conclusion of the week. On this day C.G.I.T. girls will join with boys and girls of other youth groups in special services. Their theme during the week and on this day will be ''Serve Him Alone'' based on the words of Jesus ''Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.''

—*Margaret Webster.*

Tyndale House and the Chinese Mission, Montreal

WE were pleased to note that among the Community Welfare projects being featured in the *Montreal Daily Star* during the latter months of 1948 there were two in which members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada have particular interest—Tyndale House and the Chinese Mission.

In the articles by Mr. Stanley G. Matthews the stories of these two pieces of our work were told in an interesting way and the splendid pictures accompanying the articles showed the varying activities.

Mr. Matthews entitled his article on Tyndale House, "Tyndale House Proves Haven for Those who Live 'Below the Hill' " and such it has been since it was begun in 1926. Tyndale House serves one of the most densely populated areas in Montreal for it is situated at 534-543 des Seigneurs Street, three blocks east of Guy Street just north of Notre Dame Street West. Except for a section in that area, of which Tyndale House is the centre, juvenile delinquency is high.

Activities at Tyndale House include morning and afternoon Nursery School, Boys' Brigade, C.G.I.T., Mission Band, Christian Endeavour, Sunday School, Sunday Evening Service and for two months in the summer, Tyndale Camp.

Tyndale House is under the direction of a local committee under the General Board of Missions. Until five years ago the House itself was always supervised by a minister but at that time the supervision was taken over by Mr. William S. Belson, an elder of Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church. Last year two graduate deaconesses were appointed to work in Tyndale House, Miss Bessie Halliwell as Supervisor of Women's and Girls' Work and Miss Margaret MacKenzie as Director of the Nursery School. Miss MacKenzie was appointed and is paid by the Women's Missionary Society.

The Chinese Mission aims to show to a Chinese Community of some 1,703 Chinese residents of Montreal that, "the Christian way of life is the best of all". This Mission was founded in 1882 by the late Rev. Chan Nam Singh and Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Thompson, a former missionary to China. Rev. Chan Nam Singh supervised the Mission until 1920 and in 1940 his son, the Rev. Paul Chan, became the minister in charge.

The Chinese Mission is a social centre as well as a Mission and a Church. Four afternoons a week Chinese children born in Canada go to school there "to learn the complexities of the 7,500 characters of the Chinese language". Four afternoons a week there is a kindergarten for pre-school children. On Sundays there are Church Services and

Sunday school, and groups for junior children are held on Sunday afternoon. There is a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary which meets monthly of which Mrs. Paul Chan is president.

The Chinese people are looking forward to the construction of a new building in which to carry on their work, which building will include a hall for assembly and recreation purposes, school rooms and a chapel.

Workers under the Women's Missionary Society who serve in the Chinese Mission are Miss Muriel Judd, a graduate deaconess, and Mrs. G. P. Louie.

—L.R.

They Do Not Steal Any More

A HIGH-CASTE Hindu had left orthodox Hinduism to join the Arya-Samaj sect, which professes to do much for the uplift of the depressed classes, and eventually became an organizer or ''missionary'' of that sect. He was sent to Central India into the Bhil country to work at drawing the aboriginal Bhils into the Arya-Samaj. He found two strongly contrasting groups of Bhils, those who said they were Christians and those who were not. The Christians were clean, they were honest, they were educating their children, and all in all they were a credit to the community. The others were none of these things. Yet this man knew that it had been the poorer and the worst of the Bhils who had embraced Christianity.

He said to them, ''Tell me, from what villages are you stealing these days? Around here they say you are honest, so where do you go to steal?'' The answer amazed him, ''We do not steal any more. When we became Christians we quit stealing.'' He found it difficult to believe, but persistent inquiry bore out the truth of their claim. They did not steal any more!

He became greatly troubled; how could this be? How could the worst of the Bhils become so much better than any of the Bhils had been? Could there be anything to their claim that it was faith in Christ which had changed them? Eventually he began to read the New Testament, and finally came to a living faith which he has confessed in baptism.

—Christian World Facts, reprinted from
The Woman's Missionary Magazine.

Mrs. Ewan Mackenzie of Gonor

A Tribute of Remembrance and Thanksgiving For Her Life and Work.

Mrs. Ewan Mackenzie

MRS. MACKENZIE'S birthplace was Banffshire, Scotland. At the age of twenty-five years she was married to the Rev. Ewan Mackenzie and later on came out with him to his first congregations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Subsequently they removed to a mission station in Oak River, Manitoba, and to the Hurricane Hills Indian School at Sintaluta, Saskatchewan, where Mr. Mackenzie died in 1915. The people of the Mission asked Mrs. Mackenzie to remain and preach in her husband's place. This she did for four years. "In 1919 Mrs. Mackenzie came to East St. Clements, across from Lower Fort Garry, where she planned to retire. However, she soon found herself teaching Sunday School in her home. When the group became too large for her accommodation, she rented a tent for the summer. A shanty was built to shelter her congregation in winter.

Mrs. Mackenzie donated the property for a church which was built at Gonor in 1930. Each Sunday she drove five miles east to Ashfield and three miles south to Gonor to preach. Later the shanty which housed her congregation was moved next to the Gonor mission. She resided there until January 1947," when she removed to East Selkirk, Manitoba, and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Mazurka, who gave her every loving care until her death on December 6th, 1948.

Mrs. Mackenzie joined the staff of the Women's Missionary Society in 1926 and the following extract from one of her reports gives some idea of her varied interests and the great volume of work she carried on. "The main activities of your representative, as in former years, have been directed in regular Sunday School work, in holding gospel meetings for all ages, in overseeing a week-night meeting for Christian Endeavour and a monthly meeting for Mission Band study and support, and in general visitation especially to minister to the sick in their homes or the nearby hospital. At the Central Sunday School, which meets in the Mission Hall, seventy-four children representing twenty-four homes were enrolled; fourteen senior scholars are members in good standing of the Church, and most of them are showing commendable steadfastness and readiness to serve.

The latest addition to our organization is a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary. The initiative came from the women themselves. Stirred to the depths by the great generosity of the Eastern Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in providing so liberally for their comfort and pleasure, they began to ask, 'Is there nothing we can do to show we are grateful?' and ten responded, 'Why not try'. The Mission Band membership is thirty-two and they contributed during the year $72.''

For sixty-two years Mrs. Mackenzie served the Presbyterian Church in Canada with unswerving loyalty and consecrated devotion. Her influence with young people was very great and many a young girl amongst new-comers to Canada, was helped by her to secure an excellent education, fitting her to obtain skilled employment resulting in the securing of positions of much responsibility. Many instances could be cited, telling of Christian homes established by young people as the result of Mrs. Mackenzie's teaching.

We are indebted to the Rev. Gardner Dicky, for the following account of the funeral service at Knox Church, Selkirk and Gonor. ''Funeral services were held in Knox Church, Selkirk at 2 p.m. at which members of the Presbytery of Winnipeg and the Women's Missionary Society Presbyterial were present. The Moderator of Presbytery presided. The Rev. Gardner Dicky delivered the funeral addresses. The real service was at the Gonor Church at 3 p.m. where her own people filled the Church to capacity. It was a cold, threatening day, and many of those present had come a long distance to be present at the last. At the Gonor service the Reverend Dicky was assisted by the local Anglican rector, the Reverend R. Montgomery, who had known Mrs. Mackenzie well for many years. She was buried beside her sister Miss Annie Innes who resided with her for many years and helped in all her good works. The family was represented at both services by Mr. Meiklejohn of Winnipeg and a tribute was wired from Toronto on behalf of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society.''

Thus was laid to rest a great pioneer Church woman of Western Canada. Many will rise up and call her blessed; many will miss her presence. The Women's Missionary Society thanks God for this valiant servant of Jesus Christ and rejoices in the wonderful example of her victorious life, which may be well summed up by:

> ''She climbed the steep ascent of heaven,
> Through peril, toil, and pain:
> O God, to us may grace be given
> To follow in her train.''

Presbyterian Fellowship Entertains Students from Many Lands

AT the suggestion of the Women's Missionary Society, the Presbyterian Fellowship, Toronto, entertained at a dinner in Olivet Presbyterian Church, on the evening of December 10th 1948, in honour of Presbyterian students from other lands now attending the University of Toronto and Knox College. Over one hundred attended the dinner including guests from Latvia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Formosa, China, the Ukraine, British Guiana and Bermuda as well as the ministers of the Hungarian and Ukrainian Presbyterian Churches, the Professors of Knox College, missionaries, and representatives of various Boards of the Church.

Mr. Thomas Belch, the President of the Fellowship presided over the evening's Programme. Professor David Hay, the Honorary President spoke briefly and introduced the overseas students, who each in his or her own language expressed to all the others the wish for ''A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year''. The programme included readings, games and the singing together of familiar Christmas Carols.

An impressive closing service of worship was led by one of the Czechoslovakian ministers at present studying at Knox College. It was indeed a memorable evening when Presbyterians from East and West met in fellowship and sang together the carols telling of the coming of Him in whom they all were ''one'' and, because of whose coming, in spite of turmoil in a troubled world, they can go forward courageously into a New Year.

Answers to Chinese Riddles

1. a shoe 2. an egg 3. a firecracker 4. lightning 5. rain 6. a lake.

Taiwan Calling

(A letter from Mrs. Dickson to friends in Canada.)

I KNOW that time has slipped away, too much time, since I last wrote to you. But we are so very busy. If we were busy before we are doubly so now. We are working against time, running a race with time, trying to get the message of salvation to as many as possible while there is still time. And why do I talk of ''time'' as if there were a limit to it? Because we feel there is a limit, and we are fast approaching it. I do not know how much of the events of this side of the world are reflected on your side of the world, but the political aspect here is far from rosy. That statement is a masterpiece of understatement, but I will leave it at that.

Mrs. Dickson

I have had three far trips recently, that is, ''far'' comparatively speaking. The first one was to the East Coast, the Gilan plain. I had two evangelists with me, young Formosan pastors. Our train stopped at one place for an unscheduled three hours while the bridge ahead was repaired. We ate the lunch I had fortunately prepared, and then had an outdoor meeting under a tree near the station for all the waiting passengers and the full population of the little town who came flocking at the call of the accordion. These unplanned for meetings are often our happiest occasions, for there is a naturalness and simplicity about them that carries one back to the thought of how the Gospel story was first presented 2,000 years ago. Finally we reached our destination and found a church packed with young people waiting for us.

On the next trip I had to leave home at five o'clock in the morning. It is still black darkness at that hour here. It was still blacker due to the fact that the electricity was ''off'' that morning. I dressed in the sheer blackness and several hours later on the train when it became light I looked myself over to see if I was all right. This time I was headed for the southern part of our field to a Sunday School teachers' Conference for that Presbytery. I spent the whole day there with the pastors, preachers, Sunday School teachers, and about eight mountain people who had come down from the mountain churches.

I took the train home about 9.30 p.m. and arrived home at 1.30 a.m. riding in a freight car. The trains are crowded here now, and some people ride out in front of the engine or on the coal box.

That very night I had to leave again—this time for the South of the Island to attend a very important Young People's Committee meeting for the day and return to Taipeh that night. For three nights I had scarcely seen my bed. My house has been full of company, missionaries coming and going, as well as our native brethren who come to visit us from all over the Island.

We still have our huge outdoor meetings regularly except when the rain interferes. The Young People of Taipeh are preparing to sing the Messiah on December 15th in the Town Hall. Yesterday representatives from the twelve Taipeh churches met to plan the "Children's Christmas" which we hope to have this year in the Town Hall.

A Christian Governor for the Province of Bombay

THE Nehru Ministry has conferred the office of Governor of the Province of Bombay on Raja Maharaj Singh, the first Indian Christian to be installed as the constitutional head of a premier province.

All Christian organizations and denominations in Bombay joined to give a reception in the Robert Money School in honour of Raja Maharajah Singh and Rani Maharaj Singh. Those present assured the new Governor of "the wholehearted and unstinted support and co-operation of the Christian community." Tribute was paid to the valuable services rendered by Raja Maharaj Singh to the Christian community and to the country in general. The opinion expressed in the various addresses was that "the Province of Bombay was fortunate in having at its head a man imbued with the highest sense of Christian duty and devotion to service."

Replying to the various addresses of welcome, Raja Maharaj Singh said that the offer of governorship had come to him unbidden and unsolicited. He affirmed that the Province of Bombay was indeed premier because of its people and in referring to the Christian community he observed that with the passage of time and march of recent historic events a great change for the better had come over the community as was evident in the gathering before him united under the national ensign.

Hu Ming-Feng

By Rev. R. Malcolm Ransom

"MY father taught me to cook," smiled Hu Ming-feng, amid flying steam, as she took the 108th and last *chiao tze* off the stove. "Your father!" I asked incredulously, "the father of nine children, secretary of the Manchurian Synod of the Church of Christ in China, pastor of a large city church, one of the busiest churchmen in the north-east? How did he find time to cook?" Ming-feng laughed in her shy, half-embarrassed way and tossed her black hair in the steam of the church kitchen. That's the kind of family they are. When Pastor Hu entertains guests he cooks the food himself. When 24-year old Hu Ming-feng wanted to get out of Red-occupied Manchuria, she walked out.

When it became evident that life under the Communist regime was no longer tolerable for Christians, the Hu family decided to move. Mother Hu and the five youngest went to her ancestral home, still in Communist territory, but where they would be less liable to be molested than in the capital city of Ch'angchun. The others decided to get away as best they could.

In early April, Ming-feng and her brother, four years younger, set out from Fengtien where she had been a nurse in the National Hospital. They started by train. But it didn't take them far. Service was irregular, dangerous, with constant interruptions, at best slow going. It's warmer to get out and walk than to sit in a freezing box-car for days.

Thus in the company of Pastor Pi (pronounced Bee) who is now the local pastor here in Kienshui, and another fellow Christian, Nurse Hu walked the tracks and the roadways to Chinchow where they were able to get a train that actually ran to Tientsin. For about 150 miles of the way they walked through Communist-occupied territory. It was a story of continual inspections, bullyings, revilings, and hardships in the slushy, half-frozen mud, sleeping in filthy inns or public waiting-rooms. Miss Hu's cooking ability came in handy. They dared not carry much money. They were stopped a hundred times for inspection. Each time there was endless questioning, discussion, and the worry that for some reason or other they might be separated or turned back. Each time was an occasion for ridicule of their faith.

Arriving in the port city of Tientsin Miss Hu met her father who had managed to get out of Ch'angchun by plane. Together they went by coastal steamship to Shanghai. Thence, after conferring with

General Assembly officials of the Church of Christ in China, and receiving appointments to the Yunnan Mission, they sailed by riverboat up the mighty Yangtze to Chungking. Eight days by Postal Truck perched perilously atop the swaying pile of mail-bags (for which luxury you buy a ticket which consists of a large piece of paper covered with postage stamps to the amount required to ship an equal weight by parcel post) took them to Kweiyang and Kunming. At last, after three and a half months of travelling, Nurse Hu Ming-feng survived the last ordeal on the two-foot gauge railway and reached Kienshui where she is nursing at the Church Hospital.

After graduating from Ch'angchun City Hospital Nursing School, Hu Ming-feng served in that hospital for about a year. Then she went to Fengtien where she was nursing when she started her trek from the far north-east provinces into the extreme south-west. She brought much needed relief to the overworked nursing staff here. She brought a sunny disposition, unruffled by her trying experiences which she accepts as normal for Chinese youth to-day. She brought a vital Christian character and good technical training to her task, in which she is supported by funds from the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Out of the trials of the Church in Manchuria come reinforcements to push out the frontier in this hitherto neglected sector. For God's children adversity spells opportunity. And through it all the Church **marches on!**

On Being A Presbyterial President

The following article which appeared in *Outreach*, a publication of the Women's Committee of The Boards of Missions and Christian Education, The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., seems equally applicable to our Society.

IT was the end of the first day of Mid-Winter Synodical meeting. We had been discussing and planning together all day, but still were reluctant to separate for the dinner hour. It was a time for relaxation and fellowship.

Suddenly we were alive and sparkling, for like an electric shock had come the question, "What do you think of your job as Presbyterial President?" That was a topic we could always find interesting.

More than one felt her inadequacy because as a volunteer worker she lacked training in the work of the Church. There was the realization of the importance and the unlimited possibilities of the task that demands more than she can give of her time and talents. Each was conscious of the responsibility that is hers as she studies to develop an expanding vision that may guide the women to greater outreach and understanding of the purpose for which we are all working together. The women must be stimulated to greater fields of endeavour and more interest in what Church women must do to make themselves felt as a vital power in the community and even the world. We must plan programmes on all phases of the work of the Church that will interest the woman of to-day with her far-reaching horizons.

Our problems were similar whether the Presbyterials were large or small. We had all known moments of discouragement and hope over like circumstances. We talked of the indifference of Presbyterian women, the lack of interest in the programme of the Church, and of what we should be doing to make our Christianity more vital. The lack of understanding of the Presbyterian Church and its organization and the lack of leadership or willingness to put time and work into any office are problems in each Presbyterial.

We could look to a brighter future, for we could see hope in the young people of our Church and the desire they have to know, and to do.

Perhaps this is painting a picture that will be discouraging to others, though that is not my desire. It is a task that challenges you to do your best in each phase of the work. It is interesting, stimulating, and satisfying. You can feel the enrichment within your own life. The joy that is yours because of contacts with many fine Christian women is not the least of the compensating factors in the privilege that is yours. And finally, there is the feeling of walking with God, for that is how you get the strength, wisdom, and ability to go forward in great hope for the future.

There was warmth in the hearts of these Presbyterial Presidents when the talk was ended, for we had a renewed sense of unity and strength that we were working together for the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father and the Church of our beloved Jesus.

—*Gertrude M. Harrington.*

Mrs. Norman H. MacGillivray

Mrs. Norman H. MacGillivray the wife of the late Reverend Norman H. MacGillivray, died December 13th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jackson, Fort Erie, she was buried in Oshawa on Thursday, December 16th. Mrs. MacGillivray served on Council Executive as Secretary for Japan from 1929 to 1938. She withdrew from Council Executive on the advice of her physician. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. K. Jackson (Jean), Fort Erie and Mrs. Andrew Hendry (Margaret), Highland Creek.

The Mission Press and World Evangelism

THE printing press has an honorable place in the cause of evangelism throughout the world. Africa, like India and China, began with a press almost from the first day of the missionary's work. In those populous lands of India and China, a written language has been in use long before the advent of the missionary. It was soon found not only that the press was needed to preserve the work that was being done, but that the printed page could go into a home that was not open to the voice of the evangelist. Hence the wisdom and the necessity of setting up printing presses on the mission field as part of the regular work of the living message of the Evangel.

In the early days there were very few trained printers. The missionary had to learn how to set type, as well as how to set up and operate a press. The mission field is a great teacher. The missionary learns to do a lot of things that he never dreamed would be required of him.

The old press used at Bolenge, Belgian Congo, before 1900, is still at the Congo Christian Institute there. It is now a museum item, kept as a memory of the press that printed so many pages with the aid of a powerful kick from the native helper. Never was that press — nor the one in use today — able to keep pace with the demand for books.

It was once thought that the spoken word of the evangelist was the *only* way to carry the message. The spoken word will always claim first importance and nothing can take its place. In the life of every convert, there is a time when faith comes by hearing. Yet many things are perceived from the written and printed page. In the early church the precious message was not left to the variability of the spoken word, but was written out in the gospels, the epistles and history. Without these written pages, how much poorer would be our spiritual message in this our day! . . .

Asked, ''What first led you to become a Christian?'' the reply of Is'ekae, an elder at Lotumbe long ago, was something like this: ''The first time I went to church at Bolenge, where I had gone to work, I saw Mr. Eldred open a book which he said was the Bonkanda wa Nzakomba — the Book of God. I was sitting at the back of the church, but I got on the edge of the seat and listened spellbound. I did not know God had a Book, and if He had, I did not know that a white man could make that book speak my own language of Lonkundo. How could I but believe what I heard and agree to what I saw? That day I knew I should be soon a follower of Yesu.''

. . . Many young Africans went north to Egypt and Palestine during the war. Now, if they open a New Testament, they say, "I know that Book is true because I visited Jerusalem and I saw the Jordan River and I crossed over the Nile River. That Book is not just a storybook. The things it records happened in the world in which we live."

—From an article by Herbert Smith in *Christian World Facts.*

Christian Churches are crowded in Japan, according to a report in the *Christian Century* by Robert Root. Two and a half million Scriptures have been sold in Japan since the war, and the Japan Bible Society is now printing sixty thousand new Testaments. In colleges and factories one hundred and twenty groups have been formed under the Y.M.C.A. to study the Bible. Since the war twenty-five city Y.M.C.A.'s and one hundred and sixty student Y.M.C.A.'s have been started, and also twenty-two student Y.W.C.A.'s.

—*World Church News* broadcast over C.B.C.

Fifth General Assembly of the Church of Christ

THE Fifth General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China met in full session at Soochow. The meeting, the first since 1937, was attended by 150 delegates representing synods from all parts of China, national Christian organizations, and fifteen co-operating missions.

Moderator C. C. Chen emphasized that the Church has not only "maintained its life and witness, despite the stress of war, but has also opened three new mission areas—in Kweichow, Yunnan, and among tribal peoples in south-west China.

Highlight of the opening meeting of the Assembly was the reception into the Church of three new synods—one in Kianghuai, representing Churches around Hsuchowfy with a membership of 30,000; a second representing Chinese Churches in Malaya; and a third representing Churches in Central China. The three new groups bring the total membership of the Church of Christ in China to nearly 200,000.

Delegates were divided into four discussion groups to study the work of the Church, Chinese Government, leadership training, and the relationship between the Church and co-operating missions.

—*Ecumenical Press Service,* Geneva.

What I Have Found in the Bible

From the Korân to the Bible

BY AHMED SAEED AFFARA

THE first time I ever heard of the Bible was through the Moslem holy scripture—the Korân. There one repeatedly reads of the ''Taurat Wal Engeel'' i.e. the ''Old and New Testament'' as the Holy Scriptures ''which contain Guidance for man and mercy for the world.'' Yes, there is enough evidence in the Korân to make any honest, earnest Moslem turn Christian. A searching reader can easily discover the unique place which is given to Christ in the Korân, unique amongst the prophets mentioned including Mohammed himself. Next to the Bible, the Korân is paradoxically the best guide for an honest Moslem inquirer who seeks to discover Christ.

When I was a little boy at a Moslem School, a class mate of mine asked me whether I knew if ''Isa'' i.e. Christ, raised the dead to Life. I confessed my ignorance. Thereupon he turned up a passage in the Korân which he asked me to read. I was astonished to read in my own holy scriptures about this wonderful ''Prophet'' who was endowed with such God-like Power even over death. Yet, even at that tender age, my Moslem mind was afraid lest this ''Prophet'' was more than a prophet. From that time on, I never ceased to wonder about this ''Prophet'' Isa. My first introduction to Him was through a little Moslem boy and through the Moslem holy book.

Christ — the Son of God?

A few months later a cousin of mine sent me a copy of St. Luke's Gospel. In it I read for the first time that Christ was the ''son of God.'' Although this idea of God having human, physical relationship was repulsive to my Moslem mind, nevertheless, I linked this ''son of God'' of the Gospel, with ''Isa'' of the God-like character of the Korân. My wonder, hope and fear continued. Then one day in the market a Missionary was selling Scripture Portions. I bought a Gospel for a penny. I think it was St. John's Gospel. In it I read about Christ and his God-like character, but I also read many ''blasphemous'' doctrines. How confusing it must have been to my mind. Confusion, repulsion, hope, fear, suspicion and admiration were all mingled. Where would it all lead to!

A year or two later, I became, against my will, a student in the Church of Scotland Mission School in Aden, and the Missionary who sold me the Gospel Portion in the market place was my headmaster. Scripture lessons formed part of the school curriculum. We read parts of the Scriptures daily. My admiration for the ''spirit of God, word of God'' of the Korân, and the ''Son of God'' of the Gospel increased with my further understanding of the Scriptures. We went through the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Genesis, the story of the children of Israel, the Psalms, and the Pilgrim's Progress. We read and questioned. We accepted some of the teachings and rejected others as incompatible with our Moslem religious teaching. With kindness and real appreciation of our mental and spiritual confusion our missionary teacher tried to explain some of the difficulties which inquirers meet when they read the Scriptures. These explanations were not always to our satisfaction.

Assurance of Christ's divinity

But in the midst of all this spiritual dilemma and confusion the personality of Jesus Christ stood out so distinctly above all. He was so understanding, so loving, so like the Picture of God one reads at the beginning of every chapter of the Korân ''God the merciful, the compassionate.'' He was so close to man, so close to God. He seemed to understand man's needs, man's fear, his confusion and his hope. He seemed to understand me. What a personal discovery. Even Mohammed whom I loved did not appear to understand me, because he was weak and a victim of sin like myself. But with Christ it was different. On the human level He was so much like what I would have liked to be. On a higher level he fitted so much the Picture of God the Father in His Mercy, Compassion and Love. His attributes were so much like God's, His understanding of man so perfect, that He alone could give man the perfect answer to his spiritual problems.

In those imperfectly translated Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament which tell the story of the life and work of Christ, I saw victory where confusion prevailed, strength where weakness ruled. In that incompletely written life of Christ, I saw a picture of God's love for man and His redemptive power.

Christianity is Life

Yes, you may have your own opinions about the Bible. You may be Fundamentalist or Modernist, you may accept or reject the doctrine of the verbal inspirations of the Bible. When your opinions are gauged by the Eternal Word of God, which gives Life, they become so utterly insignificant and worthless. But what really matters is, in reading your Bible, have you found Christ, have you a personal experience of Christ in your life? That matters so much more than the confused and contradictory opinions held by the various Theological schools about the Bible. Christianity is not an opinion or a doctrine; Christianity is Life. Have you discovered life in Christ?

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, 'Will you also go away?' Then Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of Eternal life and we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ the Son of the living God.' "

(From *The Trail Maker*—Church of Scotland).

Observance of World Day of Prayer for Students

FOR over fifty years the third Sunday in February has been observed as a World Day of Prayer for Students. This year on Sunday, February 20th, Christian students and professors throughout the world will be joined together in the knowledge of their unity in Jesus Christ, and in prayer for their common task of Christian witness.

The Call to Prayer issued from Geneva by the officers of the World Student Christian Federation says in part: "As we call the members and friends of the World's Student Federation to observe the Day of Prayer we do so with a deep sense of the agony of the personal and political confusion and despair of our world to-day. Seldom has there been a time when man needed so urgently to apprehend God's message of hope. . . . We especially pray that in the coming year the members of the Federation will experience God's Word of judgment and salvation, bringing with it a genuine spirit of contrition and a lively hope."

On February 20th, students and professors in University centres in Canada will tell congregations about the work of the World's Student Christian Federation and the national movements which comprise it. The Student Christian Movement of Canada is asking Canadian Churches of all denominations to observe the World Day of Prayer by including prayers for Christian work among students in the services of the day, by distributing leaflets describing the work of the Student Christian Movement, and by giving church members an opportunity to support the Movement financially.

Further information and materials may be obtained from the Student Christian Movement of Canada, 27 Bedford Road, Toronto 5, or from the Student Christian Secretary in the nearest University.

Prayer

ETERNAL Father, who dost keep covenant with those who love Thee with their whole heart, cleanse us from our selfishness and vanity and wilfulness. Turn our prodigal feet into the way of peace and purify our lives so that we may venture to pray with boldness before Thee.

If Thou shouldst mark iniquity, O Lord, who would stand? Through Thy great compassion have mercy upon us and grant that through Thy grace we may see our faults as in a mirror and thus go forward to deep repentance.

We thank Thee above all the bewilderments of life that Thou art our refuge and strength, and the author of our salvation. We rejoice that Thou hast been our guide, comforter and stay.

For all Thy servants who by the power of their example and their inspired lives have helped us on our journey we thank Thee; for every vision of Thyself which Thou hast given in sacrament or prayer, we would ask that these gifts may be used in Thy service and unto Thy glory.

Grant that evermore our lives may be renewed with a fresh devotion to Thy purpose in winning the world unto Christ.

Thou who art the light of lights and the desire of all nations, hear us as we seek Thy blessing upon all the peoples of the world. Grant that those who enjoy the favour of Thy deepest knowledge, may awaken to their responsibility to spread Thy message from ocean unto ocean. Earnestly we would beseech Thee for all who are steeped in the gloom of unbelief or in the darkness of sin that the mists may be rolled back and that they may behold Jesus only.

Our eternal Father, we would beseech Thee for all nations who have suffered through war, pestilence and famine. Wilt Thou speed the day of peace and goodwill. Dispose the hearts of mankind towards each other so that war may be banished and love may be enthroned. Grant that Christ may be so uplifted that all men of all lands may be drawn unto Him and partake of His Spirit, so that every heart throughout the world shall glorify Thee.

O God, we would pray for all who are in colleges, universities and seats of learning that they may receive new wisdom and fresh understanding in all their search after truth. Bless all who are messengers of Christ; in the darkness shield them and enlighten them and as they proclaim the unsearchable riches of Thy Word open many hearts to hunger for righteousness so that the King of glory may enter.

Hear us in these our prayers and grant them according to Thy mind and will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fewer Dusty Bibles

SEEING an unused Bible lying about in his home, a small boy asked his mother whose book it was. ''It is God's Book,'' she is reported to have said. ''Well,'' replied the boy, ''don't you think we should return it. Nobody seems to read it!''

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Stories like the above do not apply to all the homes of America, according to Dr. Frederick Cropp, secretary of the American Bible Society, who has spent a considerable amount of time investigating just this situation. ''People are wrong who say that while the Bible may be the world's best seller, it is the least read book and the book that nobody knows,'' continued Dr. Cropp.

The use of helps for reading the Bible and lists of suggested Scripture passages is way above pre-war years as indicated by the figures of religious publishing houses. ''The Bible Society alone,'' declared Doctor Cropp, ''distributed last year on request more than 15,000,000 copies of the bookmark containing a list of readings for the World-wide Bible Reading between Thanksgiving and Christmas. An even larger response is expected this year in observance of the program, which has as its theme, 'The Book of All Nations.' ''

Uncounted millions of Americans listen every Sunday in their churches to ministers reading from the Scriptures. One of the most popular radio programs of its class, according to a Hooper rating, is the half-hour broadcast on Sunday evening of ''The Greatest Story Ever Told,'' based entirely on incidents taken from the Bible.

At the last annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, Maryland, spoke for his colleagues when he said that ''the Bible is our greatest source of prestige. We must continue to be a Bible loving and Bible studying people.''

At a recent solemn mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, one of the Catholic staff called upon all followers of Christ ''to read and know the Scriptures better than we know any book written by any human being.'' The recently formed Spanish Biblical Society has reported in that country greater interest among people in the reading and studying of the Bible. To help in this, the Spanish Society has distributed thousands of copies of the Scriptures. Distribution of Protestant Scriptures is now allowed in Spain in English, French and German.

This phenomenon of increased reading of the Bible is not confined to our own land. A recent visitor to Japan has reported seeing the Japanese reading copies of the New Testament on park benches and while riding in buses and trains. The Student Christian Association there operates makeshift sidewalk Bible stalls in Tokyo where the passerby may secure a copy of the Scriptures, so great has been the demand for the books.

In Edinburgh, it is learned, a six-year schedule is being launched in Scottish schools which will insure that every boy and girl will receive Scripture training ''on a par with mathematics and languages.''

—*World Evangel.*

Christmas Memories

FROM all over Canada have come reports of the Christmas festivities in various Women's Missionary Society Missions.

Miss MacKenzie sent a programme of the Christian Endeavour candlelight service held in Tyndale House, Montreal. She herself, contributed a vocal solo to add to the Christmas carols and Christmas story which made up the programme.

In Toronto, Miss Matthews and Miss Carson attended the Chinese Kindergarten closing. Miss Carson's account indicates great enjoyment of the festivities. The Chinese children and Miss McTavish told the Christmas story by reciting the Scripture verses. They sang carols, had a tree with presents for all, and served refreshments to their mothers. Of course, they had some too—complete with candies and nuts. So a good time was enjoyed by all.

From the Birtle Indian School, Mr. Rusaw wrote: ''In spite of the stormy weather and heavy roads most families were represented at the Christmas concert. Thirty children spent Christmas at the school. This sized group makes one big happy family. They had a complete Christmas with a fowl dinner, candies, nuts, fruit and pudding. They gathered around the Christmas tree after breakfast and found Santa had left presents for all. Most of these presents were sent in from the different Women's organizations in the Church.''

''The Christmas concert held on December 21st was a happy evening,'' writes Miss Gertrude Scott. ''The kindergarten children repeated their playlet 'Shepherds are We' and all the children in the Sunday School and Chinese classes took part in the programme. A choir of fifteen girls sang carols in English and Chinese, and after the close of the programme refreshments were served to all and bags of candies, nuts and apples given to the children. The Rev. D. A. Smith who had come from Vancouver to Victoria the previous day to address the women's meeting, acted as chairman for the concert.''

Chinese Mission, Montreal, has its Christmas concert told by Miss Muriel Judd: "Our Christmas concert was held on December 17th, and the hall was crowded. Numbers were given by the kindergarten and Sunday School children and a choir of young people. Movies were shown, the main one being a presentation of the Christmas story entitled 'The Prince of Peace'. A Chinese Santa Claus distributed gifts."

The bells of Christmas have by now faded into memory—but the good wishes and the good works go on inspired by the love that comes into our hearts especially as we remember the birthday of our Saviour.

From International Review of Missions

THE life of the Church in Formosa has inevitably been coloured by the unrest and dissatisfaction to which the Chinese occupation and administration of the Island at first gave rise, and which in fact found expression in February 1947 in an uprising which was only quelled with considerable loss of life. For the Formosans it was not easy to distinguish between the effects of Japanese and Chinese occupation, though if anything the distinction seemed to favour the Japanese, partly on account of the smaller numbers in which they came to the island (400,000, for example, as compared with the figure of over a million Chinese). Conditions are reported, however, to have improved, and the economic situation is generally regarded as more satisfactory than a year ago.

Relationships between the Formosans and the people of the Chinese mainland have obviously suffered through the island's isolation under the Japanese regime. The lack of contact and fellowship, however, between the two elements is also attributed to language difficulties, since the Formosans use the Amoy dialect. Pastors and evangelists from the mainland, it is urged, would render a vital service if they spoke both Mandarin and the Amoy dialect.

The work of the Church, membership of which is reported to constitute one per cent of the population, continues in the south in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church of England and in the north with the Presbyterian Church in Canada . . . Church life as a whole, is reported to be vigorous, and to have gained further stimulus through the wider fellowship brought to it by visitors from the West.

Other evidences of vitality in church life are afforded by the pastors' conferences, which have been well attended and expressive of strong conviction as to the Church's mission in present-day society; an active youth movement, which held a conference of 1,300 members, to follow up the Oslo gathering, in July last; middle schools at Tainan and Tamsui, under church management and with Formosan Principals, filled almost to capacity; the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipeh, re-opened and making good progress towards the re-establishment of normal conditions.

The remarkable mass movement towards Christianity on the part of the Hill Tribes, already recorded in an earlier Survey, is beginning to consolidate itself into an established community. The people themselves have built churches, and evangelists, with the help of the Church in the north and the south, are establishing a centre at Hwalien, for training in church leadership and in arts and crafts.

The need for foreign missionary aid in Formosa is imperative in a Church which, as one correspondent emphasizes, "has proved herself worthy of the best support and leadership that can be given."

Europeans Reply to Gifts from Canadian Churches

"Inasmuch as ye have done it . . . ye have done it unto me."

WE have all been interested in extending tangible aid to those who have suffered so very much as a result of war. Great Britain, Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Holland, Japan and Korea have been recipients of food and clothing sent under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Churches. From these countries have come communications which indicate the reception our gifts receive. One of the organizations distributing the goods sent is Hilfswerk. It is the Protestant Relief Work in Germany. "Up to December 1947 Hilfswerk has received and distributed in all four zones of occupation foreign gifts of 23,9 million kg (23,900 tons). These included 19,1 million kg of food, 4.2 million kg of clothes, shoes and textiles, 0,7 million kg of medicines, hospital equipment and other articles. Individual parcels distributed by our parcel service are not included." Canada contributed 297,365 kg. A letter from this organization was included with others received by the Canadian Church Relief Abroad organization. "On behalf of the Hilfswerk der Evangelishcen Kirchen in Deutschland we wish to thank you and all those who helped to collect these valuable gifts most sincerely. We are distributing these gifts on your behalf, among distressed persons, refugees and old people who very often do not even possess enough money to buy their rations and who cannot even contemplate to replace their clothes which, in the course of recent years and especially during their escape from the Eastern territories, have been completely worn out. . . . We trust that the photos and the contents of the booklet will show you more impressively than words can say, how valuable your active assistance is for us, both materially and spiritually.''

From other countries have come expressions of the need which our gifts have met. Again we quote from the Canadian Relief Abroad bulletin—''The strain of prevailing conditions in England is weighing heavily upon many of our people. For years there has been a shortage of clothing and essential articles cannot be purchased without clothing coupons. Many people are considerably reduced and such generous help as that of your Council means more than you can realize. I want you to know how grateful we are for the goods you have sent and also for the Christian love and goodwill which prompted the gifts. Everything is being done to distribute the clothing fairly and meet cases of genuine need. Will you please make it as widely known as possible through your Council that our people are more than grateful? They are deeply moved by the sympathy and understanding of their Canadian friends.''

''The Comite Protestant d'Entraide sends its very warm thanks to the Church of Toronto for the shipment of fifty-six bales of clothing sent to the French parishes. These precious bales will be distributed to the homes most ravaged by the war, the families of pastors, and the large families. It is invaluable assistance which you are sending us, and a profound moral comfort. Your generous June shipment has already been a source of great joy. Will you accept with this expression of our feelings of gratitude, our very sincere and Christian thoughts?''

''We want to assure our Canadian people that the supplies which they have sent have been effectively used and have been of great value not only physically, but spiritually, both to the actual recipients and to the nation as a whole. The need for food and clothing is as great as ever and I feel confident that our people will continue to give generously. Occupation authorities state that the LARA programme has been an important factor in maintaining morale, and preventing the population from sinking into hopeless despair. There is no doubt but that any decrease in the flow of supplies would have serious results both physically and spiritually.''

Thus we are helping in a small way to repair the wreckages wrought by war. Surely our gifts, and our prayers, must constantly be with those who are in their way struggling to bring Christian peace to their lands; surely here are those who are hungered and thirsty, naked and in prison—whom Christ would have us serve for His sake.

World Service Day

A Pastor's Appreciation

HEEDLIE M. COBB

AMONG happy memories of my boyhood home church is that of "the special day, the pastor would announce, on which the women would have charge of an entire service devoted to missions." Whereupon Mrs. Tharp, president of the missionary society and a woman we Juniors regarded as a saint, together with the faithful workers, would present the mission challenge with effectiveness and zeal. As we listened, often the face of some brother, who long since had delegated "missions" to the realm of women's interests, would light up with understanding that this is Christ's program—that men ought to do something about it too, even to giving a dollar of their (or the Lord's) money in the special offering. At the close our good pastor would remark that "the women really had this matter on their hearts and that all of us should be more interested."

We were! That service had done something for us. To-day this church continues to grow in missionary zeal and evangelistic endeavour.

World Service Day (nomenclature has changed but not the spirit of it) meets a definite and crucial need in the life of the Church. This day's emphasis expands the base for missionary education and also lifts the Church's horizon to her privileges in meeting a part of the world need. The church may be "local" for convenience of designation but certainly not in outreach. World Service Day points to church doors that open outward to our Jerusalem, Samarias, and to the whole world, with an invitation for all to pray and to share. One of the great joys of the pastorate is to see the glow of spiritual health come to a congregation whose conviction it is that they are "workers together with Him" in answer to the Great Commission.

One of the important "by products" of World Service Day is that the talent and real ability of our good laywomen come to the fore. Leaders are often discovered and genuine interest is developed because some one had a part of the program or in the day's activities.

The Christian movement began with lay men and women telling the good news. Christian history is replete with the stories of the heroic work of devout women in the Gospel Advance. Familiar are the striking words of St. Paul in his tribute to the women of the church at Philippi: "they laboured side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the book of life.'' Here might well be the composite testimony of us pastors and our tribute to the noble work of the faithful missionary women who by prayer, money, and effort undergird the Church in her task—exangelism and missions at home and abroad.

—*World Evangel.*

Deputation Appreciated!

From the areas visited by Miss Laura Pelton, our emissary to the Presbyterian Mission fields in the far East, have come letters and reports which indicate how much her visit has been appreciated by all who have met her. It has been an opportunity for both Miss Pelton and the workers on the field to understand the problems which missionary organizations and missionaries must decide. The best decisions are made when such a person as Miss Pelton can see the work at first hand. This has been the general feeling expressed in the letters received by Council Executive.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kootenay Presbyterial—Mission Band, Knox Church, Cranbrooke. Leader, Miss Marjorie MacKay (pro tem) Chapman Camp. Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Kimberley. Leader, Mrs. Wm. Beynon, Box 390, Kimberley. Explorer Group, St. Andrew's Church, Kimberley. Leader, Miss Marjorie MacKay, Chapman Camp.

Hamilton and London

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. Group, Walkerton. Leader (pro tem), Mrs. F. Rowand, Box 309, Walkerton.

Toronto and Kingston

Guelph Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Knox Church, Elora. Leader, Miss Elsie Cleghorn, Elora. Explorer Group, Knox Church, Waterloo. Leader, Mrs. D. Playford, 125 Benton St., Kitchener.

Sunday Schools have been increasing in Czechoslovakia. During the past ten years, says a report from Prague, there has been a great increase in the number of Sunday Schools and in the number of children attending them. There are now eight hundred and forty-two Sunday Schools with over thirty-six thousand pupils.

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LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

TAI-LEE'S PRECIOUS SEED by Mary I. Beck, whose childhood experiences in China suggested to her the setting for the book, has been described as a ''fascinating'' and ''a truly beautiful'' book. It is both.

Although written primarily for boys and girls between the ages of twelve and fifteen years, we are quite sure that any adult who buys the book for a teen-ager and once begins to read the story will not lay it down until he or she has finished the book.

TAI-LEE'S PRECIOUS SEED is a story of modern China. Having been exiled by war from their home on Peaceful Bay Tai-Lee and his sister finally return to it. Tai-Lee still carries with him a little oiled-silk bag in which is seed his father had entrusted to him when war separated them. Both the seed and his father's instructions had always been a mystery to Tai-Lee but he had carefully followed those instructions just the same. Before the importance of the ''precious seed'' is revealed many exciting things happen as the reader shares the day by day experiences of a real Chinese family and their friends. With them the reader is permitted to visit the ancestral home and to meet ''Grandmother''; to accompany them as they go to a neighbouring village to tell others of Jesus and His love; to experience the work, the anxiety and the joy of seed-time and harvest; to share in school-days and happy festivals. By means of all these experiences the reader can not help but come to a better understanding and appreciation of the Chinese people and to feel the absolute sincerity of the Chinese Christians who in their daily lives strive to follow Him whom they profess to serve.

The story of this fast-moving novel is fascinating and the book is beautifully illustrated by Jim Lee, a native of Canton, China, an artist whose works have been exhibited in many American cities. The drawings truly ''catch the spirit of the Chinese setting'' and story and illustrations combine to make it a very happy experience to possess and to read TAI-LEE'S PRECIOUS SEED.

''When children's friendships are world-wide
New ages will be glorified;
Let child love child and strife will cease
Disarm the heart, for that is peace.''

—Selected—*The World Evangel.*

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and M'ss E. L. McClelland

"THE Senior Auxiliary at ——— has been organized for 64 years. During that time there have never been more than 18 members. At times the membership has been down to two in number, but they have never given up and eventually more have been added. Part of this effort has been due to the work of one woman who has worked persistently to keep the Auxiliary together." So runs the story of what one devoted member did. Take heart, Auxiliary members, if you should feel you cannot carry on. You can do it too.

I was much impressed by the activities of an Auxiliary I visited lately. I'm sure there are others like this one, but I want to tell you about it. It was quite a large Auxiliary in a large congregation where it is so easy to lose contact with those who are no longer able to be active and so difficult to make and keep contact with the newer church members. The Auxiliary membership was divided into four groups. Each group was responsible for two meetings in the year. The group leaders were responsible for the attendance of their members at the regular meetings of the Auxiliary. Naturally there was a friendly rivalry as to which group had the best attendance and the greatest number of new members through the year. This plan did two things—it helped with a good attendance and it meant that a number of people were looking for new members.

There was a lovely fellowship, too, in this Auxiliary sick people and shut-ins were visited often. Birthday cards for the older members were not forgotten, and these cards and those for the shut-ins were signed by those present at the meeting even the visiting speaker. Those who could not be present knew they were not forgotten, and even seeing new names on cards made them feel they were getting acquainted by proxy. Who is there among us that does not appreciate being remembered?

From the minutes and the reports I learned of the activities of the Home Helpers Secretary and her assistants, of the sewing meetings, and of the money contributed for supplies, of the active interest in the Mission Band, and of giving a banquet for the C.G.I.T.

And so I came away feeling that this Auxiliary was something more than an organization. It was a fellowship of Christian women within the church.

Auxiliaries are invited to share in this page. Send your questions or your plans. We would like to hear from you.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Christian Literature

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE is the first of a series on "How our allocation is used" that we propose to study in the next few months. The printing and publication of Christian Literature is such a vast project that it is supported and maintained by contributions from the boards and committees of most of the Protestant Churches. Contributions and gifts from the World Day of Prayer also provide for Christian Literature. Our estimated grant toward this important work for 1949 is $4,900. Christian Literature includes teaching those who cannot read to read and providing reading material for those who can. Newly literates must read constantly or they soon return to illiteracy. Many thousands are becoming literate and there is a great need for suitable reading material. Missionaries and national Christians are hard at work writing, translating and printing, in order that a constant flow of good literature may keep up with the demand.

Dr. Frank Laubach, whose work among the illiterates has touched all corners of the globe, has said "Missions all over the world have discovered that in literacy we have a wonderful new open door for winning men, women and children to Christ."

The magazines, books and periodicals that we have a share in publishing would be too numerous to mention here, so we will just consider those in China. Our largest grant goes to the Christian Literature Society of China through Miss Margaret Brown, to assist in providing literature for the women and children. Nineteen different books for children have been reprinted in the year. The *Preachers'* magazine has been revived and is doing well. The *Women's Messenger* now has the highest circulation of its history. *Happy Childhood* has achieved a circulation of 130,000 within a year, a record for Christian magazines in China. It is sold in bookstores and through agencies. The *People's Star* is now being published again and is designed to meet the needs of those who use the 1,000 letter alphabet and phonetic method. The contents are entirely related to the problems of the home, helping all the members of the home to live fuller and better Christian lives.

In Canada the publications in which we are very interested are *Evangelical Truth,* edited by the Rev. Michael Fesenko for use among the Ukrainians both in Canada and abroad, and *L'Aurore,* the excellent interdenominational Christian newspaper which circulates among French

Protestants and is widely read and appreciated. Our contributions help to print these very fine papers whose readers continue to increase.

This of course only touches briefly the subject of Christian Literature but in *The Glad Tidings* you will find articles about this work. In the December 1948 number on page 483 you will find the index of articles that appeared on Christian Literature during last year. Have various members of your Auxiliary look these up and review them at your meeting.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

A CROWING cock and a quotation in Chinese characters from the Chinese classics on the cover of the reference book in the Girls' Mission Study packet announces the theme of the study for Presbyterian girls for 1948-49 to be *A New China.* The crowing cock symbolizes a new day for China; the quotation translated is—''Day by day is new; again the day is new.''

A New China by Viola S. Winn is packed full of interesting information and stories about China and her people. The booklet of ''Programme Suggestions and Services of Worship'' prepared by Margaret Webster which accompanies *A New China* contains suggested outlines for six meetings; gives additional material for worship, games and recipes; and contains information about the work of our own Church in China proper and in the Island of Formosa. At the first meeting the girls are introduced to China, at those which follow to the people of China, to the country itself, to education in China, to the growing Church in China and, as a grand finale, all the accumulated information is combined at meeting six to make a glorious Chinese Festival.

Many additional materials will help to make this time spent in China profitable. Be sure to note carefully the films and lantern slides, the books, maps and panel posters listed on pages 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Programme Suggestions and decide which you are going to use in your group. Be sure also to watch *The Presbyterian Record* and *The Glad Tidings* for the latest news about our Church's work in China and to watch the daily papers and the current magazines for the most recent news from China.

We hope all our Presbyterian girls will enjoy their visit to *A New China* and that through their visit they will make many new friends in that land; will come to appreciate more fully what China has given to the world; and will be more keenly aware of the privilege that is given to them of helping to assist the Christian young people of China to establish a Church in their land that the "new day" may be bright and true peace reign at last where for so many years war has laid waste the land.

—*Louise A. Reith.*

(See page 62 for the story of *Hu Ming-Feng,* the nurse from Manchuria, mentioned on this page last month.)

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The Chinese Flag

INQUIRIES have come to us about the significance of the colours and design of the Chinese flag. The background of the flag is red—signifying the earth coloured red by the blood of the people. In the upper left hand corner is a blue square on which appears a twelve pointed white sun suggesting the sun in a blue sky. The sky and the sun on the flag symbolize permanence and indicate that China will be permanent as they.

Riddles

In China people old and young enjoy riddles, proverbs and jokes. The following are some of their riddles:

1. A little house all fallen in, yet it holds fine guests.
2. On the outside is a stone wall; in the inside a small golden lady.
3. It takes away the courage of a demon; its sound is like thunder; it frightens men so that they drop their chopsticks; when one turns one's head to look at it, it is turned to smoke.
4. What is the fire that has no smoke?
5. What is the water that has no fish?
6. What is the looking glass of the sky?

Answers on page 59

A Chinese game—swallowing the Dragon's tail.

The dragon is composed of a long line of children, one behind the other, each holding on to the child in front. The "head" of the dragon —or leader tries to catch his "tail"—the last child in the line. Each one caught is "swallowed" and out of the game, which continues until only the "head" is left.

A Chinese singing game

Players line up in two facing lines. Each person takes hold of both hands of the person facing him, and pulls back and forth in time to music, imitating men sawing wood. At the last word of the song each tries to pull the other over an imaginary line between them. We have the words but not the music for the game. We suggest that the children learn the words and ''make up'' their own music.

Pull the saw, push the saw
Back and forth. Pull and draw.
Grandma brings bride so gay.
Raise the curtain wedding day.
Bridegroom comes, dressed in blue;
Cousins all, we'll go, too.

Pull the saw, push the saw
Back and forth, pull and draw.
Boom, boom, boom, hear the drums!
Scarlet bridal chair now comes;
Curtain lifts, there's the bride;
Boys and girls stand aside.

When teaching these words show the outline of picture of a litter or chair included in ''Patterns and Music'' in the study packet.

Bobbie's Prayer

Dear Father, there's this other boy to-night;
Who's praying to a god that's made of wood,
He asks it to take care of him to-night,
And love him—but his god is made of wood.

He is so far, I cannot make him hear,
I'd call to him and tell him if I could,
That You'd take care of him, that You are near
And love him—but *his* god is made of wood.

I know he'd ask You if he only knew,
I know he'd love to follow You if he could,
Dear God, take care of him, and love him, too
The other boy, whose god is made of wood.

—Author Unknown.
From *Ministering Women.*

Happy Childhood is Appreciated

''Send *Happy Childhood* regularly,'' wrote fourteen-year old Chang Yun San. ''It can make my dull brain clear and get rid of my bad behaviour.'' This magazine, one of the World Day of Prayer gifts, made another small boy bump into dozens of people from the bookstall up the streets of Shanghai because he just couldn't wait until he reached home to read the stories!

—Ruth Ure in *Outreach.*

The Queen and Bible Reading

THE Queen attended and addressed a crowded meeting in the Central Hall, Westminster, held to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bible Reading Fellowship, of which she is a member.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who presided, said this was a storm-tossed generation, and far too many had no faith, hope or belief. The Bible gave to every Christian man firm and unshakable roots in the truth of God. The abundant loyalty of the people to the King and Queen, added Dr. Fisher, was profoundly deepened by the example of the Royal Family.

The Queen said that the daily reading and notes, chosen and written by scholars, had been a means of helping tens of thousands of grown-ups and children to understand not only the riches enshrined in the Scriptures, but the implications of those spiritual truths in everyday life. ''I myself,'' continued Her Majesty, ''am a member of the Bible Reading Fellowship, and so can speak from my own experience how valuable it is to have the help of its 'Notes' in one's daily Bible reading. As during the past years of war, so during the present days of reconstruction, we have great responsibilities to shoulder. If we rely on our own strength as an Empire or as individuals we shall find the burden too great. But if through prayer and Bible reading we learn to live each day in the strength of God we may still go forward in confidence and hope. . . . These are challenging days in the history of the world. A new era is struggling to be born, and what sort is it to be? We in our nation and Empire are called to give a moral lead to the world and we can only do this if we are true to our great Christian tradition.''

Further protests against the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenthy, Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary, have been reported this week. Meantime, it was announced in Budapest that the Lutheran Bishop Ordass, who has been imprisoned since the beginning of September, is to be granted a new trial, and then that this new trial has been postponed. It is reported also that the Reformed Bishop Bereczky in a radio address defended the agreements made by the Protestant Churches with the Hungarian Government and denied that they had been made under compulsion or because of political opportunism. The Roman Catholic Bishops in Hungary, who were invited to conference with the Government following Cardinal Mindszenthy's arrest, have now informed the Government, another report says, that they cannot continue the discussions.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—The Presbyterial has again suffered a severe loss in the passing of the Honorary President, Mrs. W. B. McKechnie, who, when illness prevented her from attending, sent her written messages of faith and encouragement to Auxiliary and Presbyterial meetings. Her first active interest in our Synodical Society was shown in Eburne where she became president of the Senior Auxiliary. After moving to Armstrong in 1920, she became president of that Auxiliary, holding that position for ten years. She was President of Kamloops Presbyterial from 1929-1931. For the past fifteen years, when she was compelled to lay aside most of her activities, she retained her own interest, and aroused the interest of others in the work of the Society as she fulfilled her duties as Home Helpers Secretary. Thus we record the work of a most faithful member.

Victoria Presbyterial — Miss Isabel McConnell spoke to the Young Women's groups on Wednesday December 8th at a supper meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. Later she addressed a well attended open meeting in the church. The theme of her talk was ''And they went forth, the Lord working with them.'' Of much interest was her report on the 50th anniversary celebration of the establishing of missionary work among the Bhils by Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

The C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Church also had the privilege of having Miss Isabel McConnell as speaker. She told the girls of the multitudes in India who have not yet heard the Gospel story, and of her medical work. The girls were particularly interested in the training of the Indian girls as nurses and responded to the opportunity given them to ask questions. They showed a keen interest in the work as they wished to know how they could help these students to become more proficient.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Sooke, had as a special guest Miss Isabel McConnell, who sketched her call to missionary work in India. She depicted some of the difficulties and successes of the work at Jobat Hospital.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE Albert Presbyterial—The Sylvania Auxiliary, held its Thankoffering meeting recently in Knox Church and was honoured to have Miss Hildur Hermanson as speaker who told of some of her work as a missionary-nurse in Formosa.

The Elena Mackay Evening Auxiliary, Tisdale, was recently organized and on November 16th Miss Mary Sherrick gave a talk on the work in India and showed coloured slides. Messages were received from Mrs. Elena Mackay and Mrs. Downing and good wishes and prayers were extended to the new group by Mrs. MacLeod on behalf of the Presbyterial and by Mrs. Beatty on behalf of the Senior Auxiliary. The Mission Band and Girls' Auxiliary invited the groups from the other Churches to see the slides and hear Miss Sherrick speak after school and a large group enjoyed this opportunity. Tisdale Auxiliary lost one of its oldest Home Helpers on November 4th in the passing of ''Grannie'' Lauder, in her 97th year. She will be greatly missed as it was always a joy to visit her.

Regina Presbyterial — At the annual meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, plans for the Federation were read and approved. After many months of intensive work by a committee chosen from the Women's Guild and the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary in preparation for federation, a large number of the women of the congregation attended the inaugural meeting of the Women's Federation of First Presbyterian Church, Regina. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Stewart Adrian and the Scripture was taken from part of the 15th chapter of John. Mrs. Frank Wood, President of the Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society then welcomed the Federation to the Presbyterial and wished them success in every way.

Miss Lily Macarthur addressed the Walter Martin Memorial Sunday School, Regina, recently, and on the Monday spoke to the mothers of the Sunday School children in both First Church and Northside Church. At a supper meeting the same evening in First Church, she and Miss Ruby Walker addressed the leaders of Mission Bands and Explorer Groups and Girls' Organizations. The ladies of Walter Martin Memorial Church held a most enjoyable tea for Miss Macarthur at the home of Mrs. G. McCauley, the President of the Women's Organization. The same evening Miss Macarthur addressed the Sunday School teachers in First Church.

Late in November First Church, Regina, Senior Auxiliary held its Thankoffering meeting in the evening. The Rev. Wallace MacKinnon of Moose Jaw was the guest speaker, taking for his text the 38th verse of Mark I. ''And he said unto them, 'Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth'.''

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Miss Mary Sherrick, missionary on furlough from the Bhil Field in India, spoke to a well-attended meeting of Parkview and St. Andrew's Auxiliaries, Saskatoon, early in December. Miss Sherrick spoke of the educational, medical and evangelistic work being carried on by the Presbyterian Church in Canada on her field, and illustrated her talk with lantern slides which showed the physical features of the Bhil country, and the characteristics and customs of the people. Miss Sherrick also spoke at Rosetown, where she was much enjoyed.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —In December the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, was entertained by Mrs. Adams at the Manse when a delightful afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed. Miss A. Gilchrist gave an inspiring address basing her thoughts on Jeremiah chapter 5: God's call to Jeremiah to go forward and proclaim His message to a revolting and rebellious people. In spite of Jeremiah's hesitancy, nevertheless, in loyalty and in obedience to his God, he went forth. She showed clearly that there is only one remedy for sin in this troubled world: the way of the Cross.

Chatham Presbyterial—At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, Windsor, an Honorary Life Membership and two Life Memberships were presented. Miss Jessie Smith spoke on ''What Christmas means to a true follower of Jesus Christ.''

At the annual meeting of Duart Auxiliary, Miss Currie in her talk on ''Formosa'' told of the educational and medical work there.

Huron Presbyterial — The Goderich Auxiliary held a Girls' Rally in November when the Seaforth C.G.I.T. group was guest at a supper meeting. Mrs. D. J. Lane spoke of the challenge of to-day and how a C.G.I.T. programme helps to meet that challenge.

In early December the three Goderich C.G.I.T. groups held a Vesper Service at which there was a good attendance of parents and friends. As a Christmas project the girls sent Christmas cards to all ''shut-ins'' (60 in all) in the congregation.

Early this year the Senior Auxiliary and Arthur Circle, Goderich, presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. F. R. Redditt. Mrs. Redditt, originally was a member of the Arthur Circle, but for over twenty-five years has been on the executive of the Senior Auxiliary. She also was on the executive of Huron Presbyterial and General Interests Secretary on the Ontario Provincial Board.

At the December meeting of the Arthur Circle Mrs. Gordon Henderson, President, presented Mrs. H. K. Revell with an Honorary Membership pin from their Circle while from the joint Auxiliaries an Honorary Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Revell, a charter member of Arthur Circle but for some years now, a member of the Senior Auxiliary.

London Presbyterial — Wilkie Evening Auxiliary of St. George's, Church, London, at their annual Christmas party entertained their little sisters (C.G.I.T.) when each girl was presented with a Scripture calendar. A very fine spirit of comradeship has developed between the Big and Little Sisters' Groups. Gifts of toys were brought for the Christmas bales, thus encouraging the spirit of giving as well as receiving.

The C.G.I.T. Council of London recently organized a C.G.I.T. group in Glencoe.

An Evening Auxiliary has been organized at Knox Church, St. Thomas, under the leadership of Mrs. H. S. Rodney and Mrs. J. S. Stephen.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial—The three missionary Auxiliaries of First Church, Collingwood, held their Thank-offering meeting in the church parlours on the evening of October 25th. The Rev. J. Jack told of his experiences in Western Canada and the need there.

The ladies of Knox Church, Meaford, were guests at the Thank-offering meeting of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Auxiliary held in St. Paul's Church, Thornbury. Mrs. Thomas Riseborough was the speaker.

Guests from Allandale, Coulson Hill and First Essa, as well as neighbouring ladies from St. James United and St. Paul's Anglican Churches joined the Stroud Auxiliary for their Thank-offering meeting and heard Mrs. A. E. Toombs of Beeton, speak of the conditions in India to-day. Mrs. Toombs stressed the great need for our prayers as much as for our financial aid.

Kingston Presbyterial — The Mission Band of St. Peter's Church, Madoc, held a very successful tea in November.

Miss Annie Van Kleek, the Auxiliary president, and Mrs. McCaffrey, a former Mission Band Secretary, poured tea. The fall Thank-offering meeting of St. Peter's Church, Madoc, was held at the home of Mrs. George West. Mrs. Craig of Belleville gave an inspiring address, explaining how we may show our thanks by prayer, both for ourselves and others and pointing out that to pray helpfully we must study. The Schulmerich Carillonic bells which have recently been installed in the tower of St. Peter's Church are being much enjoyed.

Saugeen Presbyterial—The fall Rally of Saugeen Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, in November. The Presbyterial reported a larger membership. One new C.G.I.T. group had been organized at Dromore. Mrs. Curr, president of Toronto Presbyterial, was the speaker. As well as many other things to be thankful for, Mrs. Curr said, we should be thankful for our Church and our task as chosen workers for Christ. The task of the Church is to present the Gospel. Mrs. Curr told of the work to be done in Canada and overseas, which tasks are our responsibility. A letter of greeting from the rally is to be sent to the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Firth in British Guiana, and to the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Agar of India, who went out from Saugeen Presbyterial.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — Winchester Auxiliary held its Family Night in St. Paul's Sunday School Hall with an excellent attendance of both ladies and men of the congregation. An interesting programme followed the departmental reports. In a candle-lighting ceremony entitled "Canadian Friendship" eight members of the senior Auxiliary took part. The candles represented the light of the Christian world and the result achieved by missionary work carried on at home and overseas. A class of seven girls took part in a geography lesson on missions. Fifteen Mission Banders pleasingly illustrated the hymn "Jesus Bids Us Shine". A brief address was given by the pastor Rev. Ivor MacIvor.

An Evening Auxiliary has been formed in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec City. The organization meeting was held in the manse in December with ten young women present. The new Auxiliary will be known as the Grace Martin (in honour of one of their own young women, a nurse, who died recently), and has a nucleus of about fifteen young women. They are a most enthusiastic group and although new to missionary work, will be a great addition to the Women's Missionary Society family.

In Czechoslovakia, according to a report from Prague by Religious News Service, clergymen are not to be allowed ration cards for new shoes or clothing. Under government regulations, the ration card privileges are limited to regularly employed workers, and clergymen are not included in this category. Therefore they must buy their clothes at free market prices several times higher than those charged for rationed goods. There is one exception, the report says, catechists are considered employed persons.

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What Can We Do For China To-day?

By Reverend T. K. Chiu

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WATCH Ye and Pray!

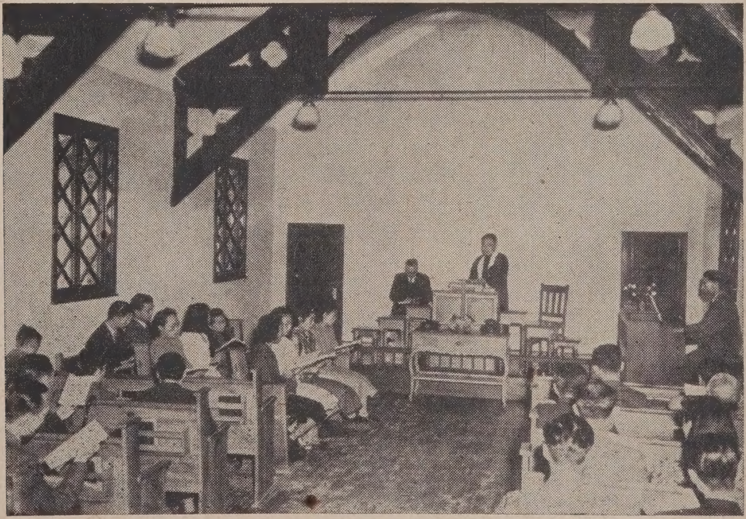
Watch *first,* and then pray! For if we do not watch, we can never be sure to whom we are going to pray. If we are not sure to whom we are going to pray, it is so easy to pray amiss! When we do not know what we are asking, our prayers will not be answered; and when our prayers are not answered, sooner or later, we shall cease to pray;—and then, no matter how critical the situation may be, we shall not be able to keep awake, we shall just go to sleep like Simon Peter, James and John, sleeping in the garden of Gethsemane.

''Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation!'' The night was dark and there were enemies lurking all around! Even with all the intense watching, it would be difficult for the disciples to discern the enemies from the trees. Moreover, the one, who was actually leading the enemies at this particular moment, was one of the twelve. He knew his job, and also knew where to seek out his ''foes''. While those who were following behind him were armed with swords and staves, he himself came with no weapon in his hands. He had already figured out, that the best way to betray his Master and Friend, was with a most respectable saluation from his mouth and a most treacherous kiss from his lips! ''And forthwith he came to Jesus and said, Hail Master; and kissed Him.''

''Simon, sleepest thou? . . . Watch ye and pray. . . . '' They heeded not our Master's plea. They slept and slept, until the crisis came. By the time they had been wakened up, ''Behold the Son of man was betrayed into the sinners' hands!'' ''Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not what the time is!''

''Watch ye and pray!'' Once more the Holy Church of God is facing another great crisis. ''The rulers of the darkness of this world'' are never so powerful and clever and deadly than those we have to deal with in this age. Moreover, there are ''traitors'' within our innermost circle as well. Sometimes they are ruthlessly cruel, and sometimes they surprise us by appearing in sheep's skin. So far as the relieving of the poor, and the releasing of the oppressed are concerned, they have put us thoroughly to shame. So now they are offering what seems to be "a better order" of life in this temporary world to all men. Watch ye, however, for they are most dangerous when they seem to be most friendly. Usually it is in the gaining of the world that we begin to lose our souls. Watch ye . . . lest they destroy your souls as well as your bodies by betraying you with a salutation and a kiss!

"Watch ye and pray!" Isn't it providential that we should have chosen 1949 as the "China Year" in our Church for all our missionary studies, sometime ago? The eyes of the whole world are turning upon China again. Many friends have asked earnestly and sincerely, "What can we do for China these days?" Let me answer in the words of our Lord, and say "Watch and pray!" Watch first and then pray. Watch! Watch how the principalities and powers, and the spiritual wickedness in high places, are fighting for the subjugation of the lives and souls of our people to-day. The greater number of the Chinese people are still poor and ignorant, weak and helpless and so they have fallen into the clutches of wicked powers as their easiest prey. It is a most pitiful and dreadful sight, for "the common people in China" are suffering like "the man who went down from



Interior of Church at Kunming

Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him and departed, leaving him half dead.'' Our people are suffering so, because a great many of them still do not know how to make a choice. And amongst the few who can make a choice, there are some who have thought it wise ''to make the choice of not making any choice.'' As a result instead of standing up-right as ''men'' we have been kicked about like a ball in a hard-fought and a foul game! So let us pray for all our Christian Brethren and Sisters in China. May God grant them the courage and strength to stand on the Lord's side in these evil days. And in so doing, they may lead a great many others to come over to the Lord's side!

Mrs. Daniel Strachan

The resignation of Mrs. Daniel Strachan from the office of Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society will come as a shock to many and a matter of deep regret to all who have been associated with her. She has held this office since the termination of her four years as President in 1932.

Mrs. Strachan is so well known and so widely respected for the many ways in which she has served the Society and the Presbyterian Church that it is unnecessary to enumerate these services here, nor would she wish us to do so, but the fact that we are compelled to accept her resignation at this time calls for an expression of our regret and gratitude.

It has always been Mrs. Strachan's policy to present and promote the work of our Society in its rightful setting as part of the whole missionary programme of our Church. She has felt that if the needs were made known and interest aroused, the money would be forthcoming, therefore, her financial presentations have been imbued with the vision and courage that made them an incentive and an inspiration. During the anxious years of war and under her leadership givings have steadily increased—our own Pension plan for the future safeguarding of our missionaries was brought to completion, and the launching of our Peace Thanksgiving Fund was another notable achievement.

The one who is appointed to succeed Mrs. Strachan will appreciate almost more than anyone else can just what we owe to our retiring Treasurer. She will find our trust funds and finances established according to the very highest standards and on a sure foundation. We hope that she will have the same capable assistance in the Department that has been such a strength to Mrs. Strachan during the seventeen years she has held office. We are indeed thankful that we may still have the benefit of Mrs. Strachan's help and advice as a member of the Council Executive.

—M.L.McM.

EDITORIAL

A sense of urgency dominates the thinking of those who are interested in the future of our world. It is felt in both secular and religious fields. In our daily papers we read of material defences against the onslaughts of paganism. In the pages of this issue of our magazine, we are impressed with the need for the individual's spiritual preparation for just such an onslaught. We find it in the report from the Foreign Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls, in the reports of our missionaries as they visited the work of our Church here in Canada, in the need existing so menacingly in China. /What can we do is the question in the hearts of those who see danger and are deeply concerned. The answer comes in Jesus' own words: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." There is no doubt in our minds that we wish the Christian faith to prevail—but as individuals we can only do our part by seeking in our hearts to know our God, and the work He would have us do.

At an annual Presbyterial meeting Reverend T. K. Chiu, Chinese missionary here for a year from his native land, made a comparison between Christian forces and the Communist forces in his country. The Christian Church has been working for 150 years in China, Communism has been there 30 years. The Christian Church has over one million members, Communism has more than twice that number as members. Christian publications number about 30. Communists are indoctrinated by over 200 publications. We know that the Communists worship wealth and power and—seemingly they are not unwilling to use their gods to strengthen their position. Christians worship God in spirit and in truth. If we used the power God has placed at our disposal, would the world be so endangered to-day by mere materialism?

We have just been rereading the "Financial Statement for 1948". It is impossible not to feel the happiness which Mrs. Strachan must have felt as she wrote the statement. You have made it clear to all who would observe your work, that the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society is ready to meet the challenge which missionary work is presenting to the Christian world to-day. There are many things happening in these days which make us apprehensive of the future. Such a report as you have made possible, gives us all hope and a renewed faith that God working through us will create a world of peace.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

Jobat, India

Miss Beatrice Scott is once more hard at her work in Jobat, following her recent furlough. She has been appointed to supervise the village schools, and to do evangelistic work. In a letter written in December she described the busy times at Jobat during the visit of Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro, and of the enjoyment they felt to have them there. She was looking forward to Christmas then and to having a short visit with the friends from the various mission fields.

Further items concerning the visit of Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro to Jobat are contained in a letter from Miss Margaret Kennedy: "My, such a time as we had on that momentous occasion—practically nothing went according to plan, but it all worked out wonderfully. My big worry was to see that everyone got enough to eat and here we had, and still have, a kerosene shortage right at that time. Our refrigerator works by kerosene and I didn't see how we could keep things if that wasn't working. However, a cousin of the Rana Sahib's (I mean a brother indeed) lent me eight bottles of it. . . ."

Miss Kennedy and Miss Scott took the opportunity at the end of the year to go with an evangelist to camp in a village when they hoped to be able to help a family which had become Christian. The members of the family are making it easier for our missionaries to go there and teach the village people.

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Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N., February 1st began a refresher course at the School of Nursing of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. Her studies embrace a wide field from Sociology to Child Development.

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Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., began studies the first of the year. She is taking lectures at Knox College, the Institute of Child Study and at the School of Missions.

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A law has recently been rescinded in several provinces of Brar, India. For two years no conversion could take place except before a magistrate. Now people accepting the Christian faith may do so legally without legal representatives present.

Excerpt from a letter written by Miss Laura K. Pelton from Jhansi, India:

"YOU will be interested to know that we had a very satisfactory visit to Vellore. We were there less than twenty-four hours, but they had our time so very well arranged that I think we saw the maximum in the minimum of time. It is a great set-up and an inspiration to see it. I shall not take time to tell more about it now, but will save that until I get home. They certainly are appreciative of what we have done and they speak very highly of Miss MacMurchy's work. In fact, more than that, they said they would not have had a course there at all if we had not made her available for them.

"While in Madras I spent a morning at the Women's Christian College and was especially interested in the new training school for the training of Indian women missionaries. They have just started it. To me it is a thrilling piece of work and the six women they had were just about as fine as you would meet anywhere.

"I went also to St. Christopher's Training School and had a visit with Miss Brockway as I wanted to see the set-up there.

"All in all I think I made pretty good use of my time, having arrived in Madras at five o'clock on Friday and leaving the following Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. I got in quite a lot of observation of institutional work. Madras is a beautiful city. Mr. Munro and I agreed we would like to forget everything and stay there for a month."

Re-opening Work Among Koreans in Japan

Members of our Society will remember the work we had among the Koreans in Japan where splendid work was done by missionaries of the Church and of our Society. That work is now in process of being re-opened. Dr. Luther L. Young is on his way to the field again. We know what a welcome he will receive from the Korean Church. Miss Pelton in writing of his work there, said she doubted if any missionary had been more respected and beloved than he.

Reverend Paul and Mrs. Rumball are to follow Dr. Young at a later date. Mrs. Rumball is better known as Miss Jean MacLean. It is a great gratification to know that she is returning to a field where she served as our Society's representative.

Our Women's Missionary Society is not sending missionaries at the present time but is giving a grant of $1,000 toward the re-opening of the work. It is felt certain that Mrs. Rumball would find this money available for her use should she find it possible to carry on in the branches of the work in which she was especially interested.

From China

After four months' leave from her work in Kienshui, Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg. N., is now back at her post in the hospital in that city. The return trip was made with the usual difficult and uncomfortable conditions of travel which predominate in unsettled countries.

"I sat in the car from seven to nine while the engine steamed up and I was glad to see so many travelling although twenty new army recruits sitting on the floor looked as if they intended to play safe. It was a lovely day and all seemed peaceful along the way. When we arrived in Chikai a soldier informed me I had to change cars and my heart sank . . . I called two coolies and got my baggage out. One picked up my bedding and ran and I wondered would I ever see it again . . . I soon discovered he had run ahead to secure a place for me in the already crowded car, and when we arrived I wondered how they would ever get the stuff on. I got on at the end and ploughed through and over baggage until I located mine and even an empty seat but no room for my feet. I was soon packed in by others until I could scarcely move. Everybody shoved, pushed, scolded until settled with their belongings, then started being sociable. I had some chickens almost in my lap. It was hot going through the gorges and I nearly cooked. Even the chickens were gasping. The open freight car behind was packed to over-flowing and I almost wished myself out there with them. I was too weary to be interested in the scenery for once. At the stations bandits had occupied, the people were selling food and fruit as usual, while ten or so soldiers stood guard. Life must go on. Nor were the travellers worried yet the train didn't run the next day. I was thankful to see Kienshui valley below us at long last. 'I will go with you even to the ends of the earth, even to Kienshui'."

From Formosa

Early in the year the Society and the Board of Missions approved the action of the Formosan Mission in accepting the request of a number of missionaries of The Presbyterian Church, South (U.S.A.) who had been obliged to leave their fields in China to come to Formosa and take part in our work there.

Of them Miss Isabel Taylor wrote: "The nice Southern Presbyterians have arrived and are settling in. The Reverend Archibald Taylor and his wife with young Bill 2½ years have settled in the Mackay house, Miss Wells, an evangelist for thirty-six years, is in our house and Reverend and Mrs. James Montgomery are opening a Sunday School Union centre in Taipeh. They will be a great help we feel.''

Miss Taylor expects to be spending several weeks' holidays in February. ''February is a good month for holidays as Tamsui has its worst weather then and we can go South to do our visiting of South people and pupils and graduates' homes in the middle of the Island.''

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From Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., a letter has arrived dated January 13th. On that day she was arriving in Formosa. The next day she was reunited with her friends in Taipeh. ''The ship got in last night and Mr. Dickson met me and was able to get my stuff off the ship in good time so that we got a truck to take us all the way here and got in about 8 o'clock. I was so glad to get off that ship.

This evening all the missionaries except Miss Douglas and Miss Taylor, who could not get away, were here for supper and we had a nice re-union.

I was over to the Hospital with Miss Gauld and saw the changes made and saw all the staff. Most of them had been over to see me during the day, it seemed impossible to get dressed this morning as people kept coming over from early morning on.''

On the Home Front

A letter from Mrs. Donald Blackbird, Secretary of the Senior Auxiliary on the Okanais Reserve, Elphinstone, Manitoba.

Dear Miss Matthews,

On behalf of the Okanais Women's Missionary Society I would like to express our thanks and appreciation of the bales sent to us. The quilts are lovely and show many hours of work. They and the clothing are most acceptable. Many of our people are more fitly and warmly clothed for the winter through the kindness of the Women's Missionary Society groups who contribute to the bales.

We know that we cannot possibly thank all the societies personally but felt we would like to express our thanks to you as National Missions Secretary.

Our own society has recently been re-organized, we meet monthly and enjoy our meetings very much. Through the years, as a token of our thanks we have given a donation when we receive our bale. This is a free will offering from those who wish to give and it is given in the hope that it will help the Women's Missionary Society in the work it is called to do. May God bless your work.

Foreign Missions Conference

THE 55th Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America was held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. January 4-7.

A sense of urgency—"time was running out"—was evident throughout the sessions and could not be denied. The call to the Christian Church to grasp present opportunities; accept corresponding responsibilities and Advance, was stressed repeatedly.

The plan used in setting up and conducting the Columbus Assembly and its many follow-up meetings in key cities in United States and Canada will be followed in a second gathering to be held in 1952, three years hence. Care should be given to the selection of delegates to be sure that a greater number of young people—potential leaders and students—attend, and to see that better use be made of denominational conferences in all centres. "We must work on a scale that will attract national interest for after all this is a world affair."

All "receiving" lands are asking for an increased number of missionaries. These must be fully committed, carefully chosen and trained and provided with the best possible equipment for their work. A more determined effort should be made to reach young people in High School and college as it is during this period that most life commitments are made.

Much help is being given to students coming from Europe and Asia and this work should remain in the hands of the Church as so much depends on the impressions these thousands of young people receive during their time here. They are "unofficial ambassadors" to whom their own people will listen because they have "seen and experienced".

The difficulty of obtaining suitable Christian literature, especially the Bible is one of the greatest hindrances in building the Church in Mission lands. To keep abreast of the great increase in literacy which is everywhere evident it is absolutely necessary that we provide authors, translators, editors and publishers as well as paper for printing and facilities for distribution. This field might be termed, "Number One Opportunity". . . .

It had been expected that by this time the need to provide funds for Orphaned Missions might have grown considerably less, but such is not the case. Because of currency difficulties and because of the need to repair buildings and replace equipment just as much is required as before, and will be necessary for at least the next five years. Missionaries are being trained in the home lands of these various missions, but they must depend on us to send them out and maintain them on their fields.

As the Church faces the armies of evil, of which at present the spearhead is Communism much real thinking and heart searching needs to be done. The battle is being fought "in the field of youth" and this so called new faith offers a programme of social change which appeals to all in despair who see no relief from their desperate situation. The plan is for a world revolution and will ruthlessly destroy all who oppose no matter who or where they may be. Communist leaders are missionaries in every sense of the word—on fire for their cause—sure of ultimate victory—willing to accept the sternest discipline and counting it a privilege to give their lives that progress may be made. The Church faces an army organized and equipped. Would that she realized her position. . . . To be not so much anti-communistic as entirely pro-Christian is one condition which she must meet and this calls for a much more vigorous and aggressive Christianity than is at present evident. There must be "confession and real repentance"! Christians must hold Christ up in their daily lives that He may "be seen of men". It is "now or never"—and "it may be that it is later than we think."

—*Maydee F. Pae.*

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., Aids Medical Training in India

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.

IN the December issue of *The Glad Tidings,* there appeared a story of the medical hospital at Vellore. You will recall that Canadian Presbyterians have a real interest in the work in Vellore because of financial aid and because of the service of Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who has been on the staff for a short time. Vellore has been in the news again for us. Miss Pelton has visited the hospital and of the work there she writes in part: "We had a very satisfactory visit at Vellore. It is a great set-up and an inspiration to see it. They certainly are appreciative of what we have done and they speak very highly of Miss MacMurchy's work. In fact, more than that they said they would not have had a course there at all if we had not made her available for them."

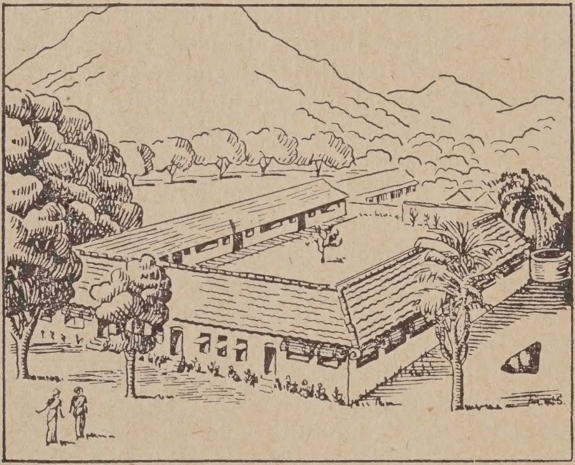
In a letter from Vellore on January 15th, Miss MacMurchy herself describes her work there: ''This morning I have spent an hour or more on the surgical wards getting the ward teaching programme for next week lined up. Ward teaching is one of the newer methods of teaching nurses, on which a good deal of emphasis is being put. There has always been a sort of ward teaching, but it is only in recent years that it has been carried on in a systematic way. For instance, I went to the wards yesterday and again to-day to see what there was that would be of special benefit to the students. The Ward Sisters suggested various conditions, and we eventually decided on—tetanus on one ward, ectopic pregnancy on one ward, removal of a lung on another, and peritonitis on the fourth.

Within the past month some extremely nice letters have come from Miss Emory of the University of Toronto School of Nursing, from the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, and from the Department of National Health and Welfare in regard to literature and illustrative material that might be helpful to us in our post-graduate course in Mid-India. I had written to the Red Cross to ask about this, and the Director contacted other groups, with the result that some good things have reached me. People really are very kind. It all helps to get people like this interested in attempts that are being made out here. Sometimes one might question, 'Is our purpose really being fulfilled in paying so much attention to advances in nursing?' I think it is so long as we don't lose sight of our objective. If we can be used to train people for leadership who are Christians and who need definitely to be out and out in their witness in these days, I think we are helping the Church. I have been impressed with the part some of the doctors and nurses at Vellore are taking in the Church. Most of the staff nurses here are working on a salary considerably less than they could get in Government institutions and I am impressed with the Christian character of several of them. I have had several good talks with some of the Sisters on the wards where I go and feel that they are doing quite a bit in witnessing. In my class periods with the Sister Tutor group there has been opportunity to stress the need for Christian nurses. So, all in all, the purpose is kept before us.

It is wonderful to consider the way God works things out for us, isn't it? At one time I would never have thought I could be used on the staff in Vellore, but the weeks in Bilaspur were a good preparation for coming here. Then I certainly would never have considered taking on the job of directing the Hindi post-graduate course had there not been the preparation in Vellore. It has all fitted in beautifully—like a jig-saw puzzle which is a jumble to contemplate in the beginning but can all be put together to mean something. The Mid-India Board is exceedingly grateful to our Council and Board for consenting to loan me again this year. . . ."

Miss MacMurchy is now working as a lecturer in post-graduate studies at the Mid-India Board of Examiners of the Nurses Auxiliary of the Christian Medical Association of India.

At Bilaspur Miss M. Magdalene Kroehler writes of our contribution to the work there: "Through Mr. C. L. Wood, Alirajpur, Central India, I have just received a cheque of Rs. 330-0-0, being the generous gift which you have yearly made to the cause of our Post-Graduate Course for nurses. May I first of all, as the new Secretary-Treasurer of our Board, thank you most sincerely for this gift. It is a worthy cause, if ever I have known one, and if you could see the difference between the nurses who have taken this course and those who have not, you, too, would feel that it was. Besides this gift, we owe another vote of thanks to your mission for the loan of Miss MacMurchy, who helped in the teaching of this year's course and whose services were greatly appreciated, not only by Miss Mitchell who directed the course, but also by each of the girls she taught."

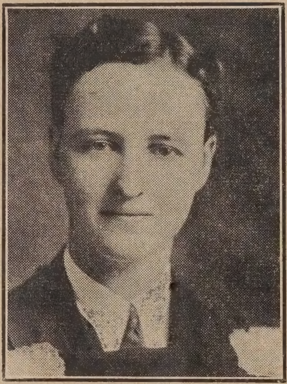


School of Nursing at Vellore

It is gratifying to know that our Society is thus able through monetary aid and the skill of Miss MacMurchy to be of assistance in helping to train nurses when nurses are so urgently needed in India.

The Challenge For our Church Among New Canadians in the West

by Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.



Miss G. Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.

IN the course of a recently completed deputation tour a number of out of the way places in Saskatchewan, especially in the northern part of the province, were visited. The impression left was of the great opportunity, nay rather responsibility, that lies before our Church in such places. Many of these districts are rapidly filling up with new Canadians, large numbers of whom are not of British descent. In some of these districts our Church is the only Church at work, and all too often it appears we are at work only half-heartedly. Our workers are few and far between and they often lack the tools needed to do a good job. One of our women has a Sunday School with an enrolment of about 55 children. Only four or five of these come from homes where English is the mother-tongue. This woman has a real opportunity and is making a real effort for those children. She deserves our help and support. For instance, she could make great use of a lantern projector, even though it wasn't one of the latest models. One woman said, "We don't belong to your Church but our own Church is not here so I send my children because I want them to learn something about what is right.'' Surely this represents a real opportunity to help. Not only is there an opportunity with the children but there are large numbers of young people too.

In these places there were capacity audiences, of men, women and children. True, the churches are small, but they were full. One reason is that at present in such communities there is no other entertainment but that provided by the Church. IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE SO. Now is the day of opportunity while we have the field to ourselves. Truly, the fields are ripe unto harvest and if we don't do the reaping somebody else will. It sometimes seems that we, in our Church, are too slow and too careful and too often we wake to find our opportunity gone before we have grasped it. Let it not be so in these days, but let us stir ourselves and rise up and possess these new Canadians for Christ, and for our Church, and for Canada.

The Work of Our Auxiliaries in Alberta and British Columbia

As seen by Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.

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FROM September 17th to December 13th Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N., on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, visited forty-three cities, towns and villages and in those places made seventy addresses. She found varying degrees of interest in the work of missions, varying in that some groups were deeply interested and active, others were apathetic about the work our Church and our Society is doing, either through ignorance of that work, or through lack of desire to take part in the wider fields of service. For the former groups, her visit gave new vision to women who were anxious to contribute their efforts to a task in which they saw a great challenge.

Among the meetings which Miss McConnell reported as being of special interest was a Sunday School service in New Denver, British Columbia at which 75% of the members are Japanese Canadians. She spoke in this Sunday School which is the only one our Church has in Canada serving the Japanese. In Lethbridge, Alberta, she had an opportunity to speak to ninety children, members of grades 7 and 8, of Lethbridge High School. The Presbyterian congregation in Kimberley, British Columbia, heard both Foreign Missions and Home Missions presented in the same service when Miss McConnell's visit coincided accidentally with the visit of Mr. Mark, Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions. A Thank-offering meeting in Armstrong, British Columbia, impressed our missionary, for here the whole congregation had a share, making it a family party. ''The family want to hear what the Church is doing in far-off lands'', was a remark heard during the meeting. Miss Ruth Yeandle planned a meeting in Vancouver at which Miss McConnell addressed the nurses from Vancouver General and St. Paul's Hospitals. Keen interest was shown in missions at this rally. In many places the women of our Society were interested in hearing from a missionary on furlough—because such opportunities are infrequent. There were meetings to which women walked miles to hear of our Church's work in the foreign field.

We have taken only a few scenes from Miss McConnell's album of her whole trip. She ended her report by saying that what she had seen, heard and learned in the three months in Alberta and British Columbia, will have lasting effect—the effect of making her realize two things: that there are many in our land who are supporting the work she is doing in India, and the work her fellow-missionaries are doing in many lands, by their knowledge of, support and prayers for that work; that there are people in our own Church in this blessed land who have not yet learned that the work of the Christian Church at home and abroad is our only defense against paganism which threatens to engulf the whole world.

From Displaced Persons' Camps to Canada

An interview with Reverend Charles Steinmetz

I WOULD like to paint a picture—it will have to be a moving picture for the scenes take place in Europe and then in Canada. The characters are fictitious as they appear here but their experiences are a compilation of experiences which have actually happened within the last few years.

Scene 1 shows a mother and her two children in a displaced persons camp. They went there three years ago to escape the oppression of a new order in Hungary their native land. Her husband had been taken prisoner during the war—never to be heard of again—and she had been left destitute. ''Fear the Lord, and depart from evil''—the verse from Proverbs repeated itself in the mother's mind as did many other verses she had learned throughout her life in a Presbyterian home—but this one had a command. In Hungary she could no longer worship as she pleased. If she went to a displaced persons camp, surely Christian people in America would help them. Now, after three years, she wonders.

Thinking back over these years, she recalls her feelings. First there was the sense of freedom—she did not mind the ramshackle lodging, the lack of conveniences. She was free from the persecution of Communist police—and she had hope—hope of a new life in America! The months went on and the years. She gradually learned the life of a displaced person. She learned that because she went out and worked in field, or factory, in the area about the camp, that the residents of that area hated her for a usurper. If she remained in camp, she must use all kinds of strategies to get food and clothing for her own and her children's needs. She finally found that she could sew well enough to help others in the camp. She exchanged this service for food or old clothing which they had acquired—but life was dull—intolerably dull—with old ties irrevocably cut, and nothing definite to look forward to. The physical trials were great—but the trials of the spirit greater.

Difficulties in getting to Canada were many she found. She did not want to be separated from her children, yet a mother and two children are hard to place in domestic service, or hard to accommodate with lodging if she took up a trade. So they stayed, hoping and praying that their turn would finally come. Finally it did come, but only because a Presbyterian minister in Canada would guarantee to find lodging for them all. Now the scene shifts as the mother and her children cross the Atlantic. The voyage was uneventful, except that they had found it difficult to keep warm. The mother had no warm coat until an American soldier gave her an army blanket. This she made into a coat and bound its seams with handkerchiefs, also the gift of the American soldier. She landed in Montreal and was met by Presbyterian port workers there who helped her find her way through the strange city—it was queer to see a city with so many buildings untouched by war—to see hundreds of shop windows with food, food the like of which she had not seen in many years. Surely there was a place for her and her children in this great land.

A day's train journey took her to Toronto. There she was met by Reverend Charles Steinmetz, Presbyterian minister to the Hungarians. She was taken to his home where he and Mrs. Steinmetz gave them food and lodging, and made them all feel at home.

Now she is situated in a boarding house, where she and her children can be together. Mr. Steinmetz helped her find a job in a hospital, where her daughter too is employed. Her son, sixteen years of age, has found work in an electrical plant. All are making a living. Now they can buy clothes and have medical and dental attention, and prepare themselves to be Canadian citizens. Right now they are studying English at the night classes given by the Toronto Board of Education, and are preparing to become members of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church whose minister and whose members have given them a start in a new land.

Such was the picture painted by Reverend Charles and Mrs. Steinmetz as they told of the experiences which the displaced persons they have known have had. Not all stories end as happily as the story we have just told. There are those who come to this land in immediate need of medical attention or of dental care. Such people in the first few months find themselves burdened by debts which mortgage their wages for years to come. Our Hungarian minister and his wife in Toronto, help them all they can, even to the extent of taking them into their home and lending them funds to get a start. We who know the high cost of living in this land can get a mental picture of the difficulties that those who are helped and those who help are facing every day. Perhaps it is well for us to be reminded that there is no family allowance for these new Canadians for three years, according to present regulations.

We have been describing Hungarian Displaced Persons who have come to Toronto—but there are many who are not being looked after in any way by our Church. Of the Presbyterian Hungarians in Canada, the Church is in touch with about one sixth of them. One wonders—what is happening to the rest. Are they drifting along finding their way in new work and among indifferent people, or are they being drawn into the net woven by the very active Communist organizations which exist across this land? Here are situations and problems which are problems of our nation and problems of our Church. We must think and pray about them or lose our struggle for a Christian world.

Amsterdam Speaks to the Women of the Church

"WOMEN are the key people in the family and they must be charged with engendering a feeling of responsibility among the youth of the world.'' Thus Miss Anne Ryrie, Presbyterian youth delegate to the Amsterdam Asseembly, summed one of the conclusions formed by that delegation last summer when they were guests of the World Council of Churches' First General Assembly. Miss Ryrie, speaking to a meeting of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, went on to predict that the young women who met at the youth conference were prepared mentally and spiritually to be leading women in the Church in future years.

Miss Anne Ryrie

The Women's Inter-Church Council also heard Mrs. R. E. Wodehouse a Church of England delegate to the Women's Conference at Baarn, and to the Amsterdam Assembly. She emphasized the fellowship which was one of the chief inspirations of all delegates to both meetings. Among the women singled out for mention as individuals was Mrs. Swain, Moderator of the North Baptist Church, U.S.A. Mrs. Swain is an outstanding example of the place women can take in the Church. She rose to her present eminence in her Church, through work in the organization of that Church, and she is at present one of the women having official positions on the World Council of Churches Executive.

Mrs. Wodehouse expressed her personal appreciation of the worship services led by women of many Protestant faiths—women who had been in war-torn countries, who showed what worship had meant to them in the days of their adversity and what it meant now as they sought to reconstruct a Christian world.

Recommendations which came from the Baarn conference were that there should be a study made of the relationship between men and women in Church life and that study should be made of the power the Holy Spirit can exercise in guiding men and women in the problems of the day. They called for action at Baarn—action in recruiting the most able women for the work of the Church; action in making the best use of the abilities which women in Church service possessed. Women should be encouraged to study Church work that they might be fully responsible for the tasks to which they are appointed.

Miss Dorothy Young, Youth Secretary for the United Church of Canada, a delegate to the Baarn and Amsterdam conferences also spoke of women's work in the Church. She was a member of the Committee on Life and Work of Women in the Church. Professor Karl Barth was an advisor to that Committee. He advised the women not to be a group of feminists out to fight for their rights—but to remember that men and women do not necessarily have the same ministry, that each group must find the best place in which they can serve and be educated to serve in that capacity. From this committee there was appointed a commission to study further the life and work of women in the Church.

The responsibility which rests upon women in all phases of life cannot be minimized. Their work has been apparent in the work which the Christian Church has been able to accomplish. The Amsterdam conferences show that the Church can only reach its full effectiveness if women continue to see their place as one of great importance.

Children's and Youth Secretaries

Mrs. Donald R. Sinclair explains an arrangement between the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Women's Missionary Society.

WHEN the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of our Church met last spring, an arrangement was made whereby the Secretaries for Children's and Young Women's work would work in groups with which the Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies Board is concerned as well as with Women's Missionary Society groups. Thus the Children's Work Secretary now has contact not only with midweek groups for children but also with the children in our Sunday Schools and their parents and teachers. In the case of the Young Women's Secretary her work is extended to include Young People's Societies as well as Young Women's groups. To facilitate this kind of work the name of her position has been changed from Young Women's Travelling Secretary to Youth Secretary.

Mrs. D. R. Sinclair

What does this mean in actual practice? During the fall months when Miss Macarthur, our Children's Work Secretary, spent some time in Western Canada, she was able to meet with Sunday School teachers and parents as well as with leaders and children of midweek groups. In the Young Women's Department Mrs. Sinclair combined Young Women's and Young People's work for a short time during the fall months. In one area as well as visiting groups of our Society she attended several rallies of Young People's Society groups in the Presbytery. At these rallies the missionary work of our Church was presented to the Young People and suggestions were given as to how Young People's Societies could make the mission study within their own groups more interesting.

Although this work has just begun and is still in the experimental stage, both departments concerned feel that it has been well worthwhile and that it will be a means of interesting more of our boys and girls and young people in the missionary work of our Church.

Appreciation to Miss Louise Reith and Mrs. R. S. Paterson

MEMBERS of all the Auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., will wish to join with the Council Executive and the Editorial Committee of *The Glad Tidings,* in paying grateful and appreciative tribute to Miss Louise Reith, M.A., and to Mrs. R. S. Paterson, through whose kindness of heart and generosity of time and effort *The Glad Tidings* continued to appear, with all its usual wealth of information and interest, on the regular date of publication each month during the interval elapsing between the resignation of the former Editor, Miss Helen Mackintosh, M.A., in September 1948, and the coming into office of the new Editor Miss Mary Whale, B.A., in January 1949.

We are deeply indebted to both Miss Reith and Mrs. Paterson for the fine work which went into the editing and the make-up of the three issues of the magazine for which they were jointly responsible, and for their cheery and capable acceptance of the extra duties laid upon their shoulders. Miss Reith's literary background and wide experience in writing and publishing the Study Books of our Society proved of inestimable value in the selection and editing of the material needed for each issue, but to add this new responsibility to her already heavy duties as Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature Department meant a great deal of additional work and much self-sacrifice—all of which we appreciate very much indeed. As always with Miss Reith, it was service given with a smile!

Mrs. Paterson will be remembered as Assistant, until her marriage, both to the late Miss Fraser, and to Miss Mackintosh, and our warm thanks go out to her for coming to us once more with her expert knowledge and experience of make-up and proof-reading. Working together, with close co-operation and mutual helpfulness, Miss Reith and Mrs. Paterson succeeded in producing each month a good-looking and interesting magazine of which our Society could be very proud, as well as leaving for the new Editor an excellent supply of material upon which to build her first issue.

Every reader of *The Glad Tidings* will appreciate this, realize what it has meant to the Society in all its branches, and be eager to unite with the Council Executive and the Editorial Committee in asking Miss Reith and Mrs. Paterson to accept the sincere gratitude and thanks of our whole Organization for the splendid service they have given and the praise-worthy piece of work they have done.

—*Leeta McCully Cherry.*

A Satisfactory Trip!

Miss Lily Macarthur tells Council Executive of her trip to Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"THIS was the first field trip I have made serving under both the Women's Missionary Society and the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Maybe that is the reason it was such a satisfactory trip because I met the persons I was sent to meet: leaders and teachers of children." With these words Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary for our Society and for the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies began her report of her trip to two western provinces in the autumn.

Miss Macarthur went on to remind us all of the aims of the Children's Department: "To lead children to a realization that this is a God-centred universe, that back of everything is God, the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. He is our father who loves us and is interested in everything we do. We may go to Him at all times when we are glad and happy, and when we have done wrong. He is not an angry Father. He will forgive us if we are really sorry. Jesus is our Friend. He has taught us about God."

With such an aim in mind Miss Macarthur, accompanied by Miss Ruby Walker, visited Fort William, Port Arthur, Geraldton, Fort Frances, Winnipeg, Selkirk, Regina, Weyburn, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert. Under the new system, she was able to discuss problems met by those who are anxious to understand the best methods for Sunday School lessons, as well as explain the materials for Explorers and Mission Band groups. She met teachers and parents. Meeting the latter gave an opportunity to explain how the home can and must help if Sunday classes are to achieve their greatest success.

The greatest need in our children's group is a need for leaders. That is not a new need, nor is it reserved for the children's field. To the question: "From where are the leaders to come?" Miss Macarthur pointed out that there are many people in our congregations interested in the Christian education of children. Many of them are young married women who have training and ability, but do not appear to have found their place of service in the local church. Let us seek to enlist them in our children's department. "Let such women use their own initiative, their own imagination in dealing with the children in Church schools and Mission groups. Let us help them to use our materials and train them if they so desire, in the technique of teaching young children. Let us make them realize that most important of all is their consecration to Jesus' service."

Financial Statement for 1948

THE Auditor's statement was read and accepted by the Council Executive at a special meeting called for that purpose on February 15th, 1949. This statement will appear in full in the Annual Report and is only summarized below.

Receipts:

From Synodical Societies:

Alberta	$ 5,220.77	
British Columbia	6,500.00	
Manitoba	5,111.83	
Montreal and Ottawa	33,650.00	
Hamilton and London	58,100.00	
Toronto and Kingston	66,776.10	
Saskatchewan	3,800.00	
		$179,158.70
Individual Subscriptions		2,623.98
		$181,782.68
Disbursements from these amounts...		158,719.57
Excess receipts over disbursements...		$ 23,063.11

The estimate for 1948 was $176,316.00 which was $22,316.00 over the estimate of 1947. It was with no little trepidation but with full confidence in our members that this increased estimate was presented and accepted. By the above statement it can be seen what a magnificent response was made by the Synodicals, $179,158.70, which is an increase over 1947 of $16,092.12 and $2,858.70 beyond the estimate for 1948. Our hearts must be filled to overflowing with thanksgiving for this worthy response.

Every Synodical has increased its contributions over 1947. Some by a very considerable sum and all but two Synodicals, British Columbia and Toronto and Kingston, met the 1948 allocation. One cannot refrain from mentioning the Western Synodicals who have made such an Advance. The Eastern Synodicals also must receive mention. They made a great contribution. An increase in money can mean nothing else but an increase in interest.

For the Supply Fund, the Synodicals contributed $7,381.42 and the disbursements for Supplies was $9,818.54. There is a moral in these figures. In the last month of the year we transferred $4,000.00 from the Indian per Capita account in order to meet expenses. An increased amount had been granted to meet increased cost and we felt justified in making this transfer, but it is no precedent for the future.

Total receipts from all sources for 1948	$296,429.87
Total expenditures	269,695.09
Total receipts for Trust Funds	33,512.42
Total expenditures from Trust Funds	35,767.26

The per Capita grant from the Department of Indian Affairs for the two Indian Residential Schools was $69,697.95 and $65,389.72 was disbursed. From the Women's Missionary Society estimate, $4,401.67 was disbursed and in addition amounts for equipment were taken from the Legacy Fund from legacies left for Indian work.

Our Trust and Rest funds are all in a very healthy state. In 1948 $26,511.24 was received in the Legacy Fund and $23,166.44 was disbursed.

In 1948 we received for the Peace Thanksgiving Fund $620.70. That Fund now stands at $40,036.49 in Capital account. The interest is kept in a separate account and amounted to $1,251.73 of which $812.53 was spent.

The Pension Fund stands at $59,713.17 and by order of Council $2,000.00 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Pension Fund now at the end of our year, and also by order of Council the interest on the Sustaining Fund was transferred. The interest on this fund more than covers the Society's rates for Annuities.

Because of the great and really increased need, $2,000.00 was given for Orphaned Missions. There was no estimate for this and it was taken from the Overseas Fund. Other grants were paid as estimated. In 1948 we spent on Christian Literature $5,040.00. There was also received a Legacy of $1,123.80 for Christian Literature through one of our Auxiliaries. This has not yet been spent but will likely go to Formosa. Many special gifts were also received.

The cost of Administration is still rising. Everything we touch has increased in price, the high cost of living for our missionaries in Canada and Overseas is giving concern. This year will show a decided uptrend. We will be as wise and careful as it is possible to be but we also must be just. The native workers who are helping build up the Church of the Country must be looked after and, in some fields, a pension fund for them is in the offing.

You have given $179,158.70 and there has been spent from the estimate of $176,300.00 an amount of $158,719.57. That leaves us with a very substantial balance which is what the Treasurer wished for. When the delegation returns in March, we are expecting requests for many things. The National work is also due for expansion. We are anxiously awaiting the return of Mr. Munro and Miss Pelton. Now there is plenty both in the General fund and in the Trust funds for almost anything that is necessary, a satisfactory state of affairs. This is really a very magnificent statement and, as Treasurer, I would like to congratulate all our members in all branches. We would like especially to commend our Children's Groups. Their work augurs well for the future.

Will you permit a personal word, for as your Treasurer, I can hardly refrain from it. At Council when this big increase in our estimate was made, and again at last Council it was left with you to do your best and I said our women have never failed us. I meant it but never expected such a fine increase of $2,858.70 over the estimate. Thank you every one. I feel very, very happy.

May every one of us have great joy in our work and may God bless our efforts to support those who are bringing the Glad Tidings to many who know Him not.

From the balance of receipts over expenditures of $23,063.11, the following payments were passed by Council Executive—$2,000 to the Pension Fund, 2 cars for Bhil Field, $7,000, cost of living bonus to overseas and national missionaries not receiving maximum salary, $1,775, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India, $2,500.

What are we set on earth for? Say, to toil;
Nor seek to leave thy tending of the vines
For all the heat of the day till it declines
And Death's mild curfew shall from work assoil.
God did anoint thee with His odorous oil
To wrestle, not to reign; and He assigns
All thy tears over, like pure crystallines,
For younger fellow-workers of the soil
To wear for amulets. So others shall
Take patience, labour, to their heart and hand
From thy heart, and thy hand, and thy brave cheer,
And God's grace fructify through thee to all.
The least flower with a brimming cup may stand
And share its dew-drop with another near.

E. B. Browning.

Helen M. Strachan

True Worship

By The Rev. A. A. Lowther

God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. John 4: 24.

WORSHIP is a universal characteristic of mankind. In different parts of the world, however, this worship assumes different forms. Savages engage in pagan ceremonies; Hindus bow down before their images; Moslems pray facing towards Mecca; Buddhists chant with mechanical monotony. Even Christian people differ, not only in the form of their worship but also in their attitude towards it. What then constitutes true worship? The words of our text contain the teaching of our Lord. True worship is not concerned with the place of worship or the custom of our fathers but with the motive of the worshipper. The one important feature is that the worship of the true God must be in spirit and in truth.

Our word "worship" comes from the old English for "worth". Its original form was "worthship". "Your worship" is a term still used to-day. It is a term of respect. To worship God, therefore, means to respect Him, to appreciate His worth. This appreciation of God should mark every service of worship and every person who worships, not least those who lead in worship. The occupant of the pulpit, for instance, should set an example in humble reverance. A service of worship is not the place for airing one's own views or denouncing one's pet animosities. It is the place for exalting the Name of the Lord, for beseeching His pardon upon His people, for grateful acknowledgment of His unfailing mercies. Yet, if this be required of the minister, it is equally required of all others who occupy a position of leadership in the public worship of God. The ushers, for instance, can make or mar a service. Not a word they speak, not an act they perform, not a movement they make should fail to show that they are aware of God's nearness and keenly appreciate His presence. The same thing is true of the choir. If its members are thinking of themselves they are not worshipping in spirit and in truth. It is not their duty to sing for the people. They are to sing to God for the presence of the people. A choir whose members appreciate this fact and appreciate the presence of God will not be subject to the disturbances which mark temperamental performers. The desire to exalt God will enable them to lose sight of their differences and will weld them into a unit with one dominant purpose.

What has been said regarding minister and ushers and choir and organist applies also to the congregation. It is said that every person who enters an Eskimo igloo sends the temperature up a little. Certainly in a service of worship, every person present affects the atmosphere. We pity the ignorant heathen bowing down at their idolatrous shrines yet we also are to be pitied if we come to the house of the true God but fail to offer true worship. "Which is worse," asks Robertson of Brighton, "to sacrifice before a wrong altar, or to bring wrong sacrifice to a true altar?" Attending church is an excellent habit but God requires more from us than the formation of a good habit. Let us scrutinize our own motives in worship. Do we attend in order to help manage affairs? God is in control. He does not need our help. We need His help and should realize that fact. The humble, seeking spirit will keep self subdued and God exalted. Even our Presbyterian emphasis on preaching has its dangers. The service is more than the sermon. We should look beyond the word of man seeking the word of God for we have Christ's promise, "Seek and ye shall find."

All of us ought to take worship more seriously. Angels and the saints in heaven worship God continually. Is there any other thing that men do on earth which they are sure will also be done in the life to come? Let us learn how to make our worship more effective. Whether it be in a crowded church or in a tiny room the worshippers should come prepared. They should not only give thought to appearance but also to the mind and heart. Take a verse from the Bible or a teaching of Scripture and think about it on the way to service. In the Southern States certain young people have agreed to maintain an area of silence about their churches. When they come near them they stop their conversation and are quiet outside as well as inside God's house. Come to church early enough to allow your thoughts to concentrate upon worship. During the service guard against distracting thoughts. They can be controlled. After the service is over do not lightly turn to other matters but ponder in your hearts whatever was helpful in it. Then, when you go back to your daily work, remember that the monks used to say "To work is to worship." In fact the Hebrew word for "worship" comes from a root which means "to plough", "to labour", "to serve". True worship means showing respect for God not only on special occasions but at all times, not only in special places but in all places. If we want our Church to be strong and effective in Christian work, we must become, in a deeper sense, a worshipping Church. We must remember that worship is far more than an outward act. "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Prayer

LORD of heaven and earth Whom we cannot see but whose eye is ever upon us; who hidest Thyself from them that are righteous in their own conceits but who revealest Thyself unto the weak, look upon us now in fatherly pity and open for us the true and living Way into Thy holy presence. We are greatly troubled with our sins. The remembrance of them is grievious to us. We ask for pardon and for Thy gift of a humble and a contrite heart. We thank Thee for Christ Jesus, for His incarnation, His word of power, for His offering Himself that Thy will might be accomplished, that the work might be finished which Thou gavest Him to do—even our redemption from death.

Lord of life and death, our Redeemer and our Judge, may Thy holy truth shine forth in all the dark and hidden corners of our lives. Cleanse us of our secret sins, our bitterness of spirit and our falsehoods of behaviour. We find it easy to believe the evil, and hard to rejoice in whatsoever things are pure and true and lovely and of good report. O strong Sun of Righteousness, where sin doth abound, make Thy healing grace to be yet more abundant, and so overcome our human evil with Thy divine good. Thou who perceivest the secrets of all hearts and knowest those who mourn and those who bear afflictions in body or mind, enable all to enter into true baptism, and fellowship of Thy suffering, that strength to endure unto the end.

We offer up our intercessions for all our people—for our families, that our home life may be strengthened in sanctity, love, forbearance and discipline. Give health and guidance, righteousness and peace to the leaders of our country and our empire, to King George and all the members of his family. Grant unto all nations true government and liberty, a sense of stewardship, honest workmanship and honorable commerce. We pray for Thy holy catholic Church and for our congregations therein, that the fruits of true faith and obedience may flourish in all her fellowship. Guide our ministers and all whom Thou hast ordained in the courts of Thy Church. We pray for our Women's Missionary Society, that depending on Thy holy wisdom we may do our part in making known the eternal Gospel of salvation at home and abroad.

Unto Thy name alone be glory, dominion and praise in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

''Ye cannot serve God and mammon'', said Jesus to His disciples. Russia has definitely decided to serve mammon—England and America are trying to serve both—but the balance is weighing to the side of mammon because money bags weigh more heavily than the imponderables of the spiritual world.

—Bishop Neill—in the University Mission Lectures.

Dates of Synodical Annual Meetings, 1949

British Columbia:

Victoria, British Columbia, April 12-13-14.

Alberta:

Edmonton, Alberta, April 5-6.

Saskatchewan:

St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, April 4-5-6.

Manitoba:

Norwood Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 29-30-31.

Hamilton and London:

Goderich, Ontario, May 10-11-12.

Toronto and Kingston:

St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, Ontario, April 26-27-28.

Montreal and Ottawa:

Cornwall, Ontario, April 26-27.

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Don't Throw Away Old Skates

This may seem rather a peculiar demand to make at the end of the winter season—but another winter is coming. There are a number of Indian children in our Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Schools who could use skates next winter. So please pack them away for their pleasure. Send the skates direct to Birtle Indian School, Birtle, Manitoba or to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario.

New Organizations

Manitoba

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Norwood. Pres., Miss Florence Jarvis; Sec.-Treas., Miss Edith Wells, 828 Sandhurst St., Winnipeg.

Hamilton and London

Hamilton Presbyterial—Mary Baker Young Women's Auxiliary, Hamilton. Pres., Miss Irene Doney; Treas., Miss Betty Baker; Sec., Miss Betty Baker, 66 Locke St. W., Hamilton.

Explorer Group, St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Miss Jane Park, 28 Norway Ave., Hamilton.

London Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, Knox Church, St. Thomas. Pres., Mrs. Eric Allen; Sec., Miss Gladys Cox; Treas., Miss Lillian Purdy.

Montreal and Ottawa

Quebec Presbyterial—Explorer Group, St. Paul's Church, Scotstown. Leader, Mrs. Rodney MacDonald, Scotstown.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

"Building His Church"

FREQUENTLY we are asked for a Bible Study to be used by missionary groups and therefore we are particularly happy to have a very excellent one to recommend on The Acts of the Apostles entitled BUILDING HIS CHURCH, the purpose of which is "to give to groups a knowledge of what the Apostles taught and of how the Church was built upon that teaching."

BUILDING HIS CHURCH is one of our own publications and was prepared by Miss Elsie Mathieson, a former member of the Board of the Women's Missionary Society, and who, as Convener of the Literature Committee, gave inestimable assistance in the preparation of our study materials and whose contributions from time to time in this magazine have been much appreciated throughout the Society.

In BUILDING HIS CHURCH the story of "The Acts of the Apostles" is told; nine studies on that story are outlined; questions for use in preparation for the studies are given; suggestions for projects; a time line; a map showing Paul's journeys; and a chart which summarizes the main points.

The study can be used to advantage by any group from 'Teen-age up. It is a truly missionary study for in giving the story of the founding of the Christian Church it shows the compulsion felt by the early Christians to "go, teach," and, that from the very beginning the Church had to be a missionary Church. It is a particularly valuable study for newly organized missionary groups for it gives that which is basic and which, if interest in missions is to be real, must be known and fully appreciated.

In concluding the introduction to the leader Miss Mathieson wrote, "It is hoped that all who follow the course will catch something of the spiritual glow of Christianity's glad dawn; that they will make a personal response to the message so often repeated in the Acts; and that they will find their place in that divine Society in which the Spirit dwells, and through which Christ does His work."

We are sure that any group or individual who carefully and prayerfully follows the course as outlined in BUILDING HIS CHURCH cannot but "catch something of the spiritual glow of Christianity's glad dawn" and realize anew their personal responsibility in taking part in making known the glorious message entrusted by Christ to His Church.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

CALL TO WORSHIP

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live." (John 11: 25.)

HYMN No. 215

Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 1-10.

MEDITATION

What sorrow and despair must have been in the hearts of the followers of Jesus when He was laid in the tomb. Doubts and fears, questionings and bewilderment would be theirs. As the stone was rolled against the entrance to the tomb those faithful friends would be dismayed. Why had this dreadful suffering come to their Master? They remembered that their loved One had given sight to the blind; that the lame had walked after He had touched them; that Lazarus had been raised from the dead; and that life became new and wondrous for all those who followed Him. Cruel were the taunts and scornings of those who loved Him not, as they cried, "Crucify Him". "He saved others, Himself He cannot save.'' No wonder these faithful men and women were bewildered when they saw that the One Whom they believed to be the Christ, the Son of God, should be treated so cruelly and that He should die upon the Cross. To these people it must have seemed the end of all that had been worthwhile in their lives. Lost was the significance and meaning of His teaching, ''The Son of Man must suffer . . . after three days rise again.'' Mark 8: 31. The hours passed slowly to these hopeless, despairing people. There seemed nothing that they could do; nothing to hope for; nothing to which they could look forward.

Early in the morning of the first day of the week those lonely friends came again to the sepulchre. How quickly their sorrow was turned to rejoicing as they heard those words, ''He is not here, for He is risen, as He said.'' Forgotten were their fears and doubts. Forgotten were those dark hours of misery and bewilderment. Hope and faith were again triumphant. They went quickly to tell others of the risen Lord and of the great redeeming love of God.

But what of those of us in this present day who profess to know the love and redeeming grace of the living Christ? How prone are we in these days of difficulty to despair. We so often show such little faith, we hesitate, and are fearful of venturing forth in service. We dwell on our own insufficiency instead of giving ourselves completely to Christ our Lord. Surely in these times when doors of opportunity are open wide we should with joy and faith do all that is possible to tell others of our risen Saviour that they may know Him and the power of His resurrection. ''Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'' (1 Cor. 15:57.)

PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, at this glad Easter season we would come to Thee, with grateful hearts. We praise Thee for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave His life that all Who believe in Him might not perish but have everlasting life. We thank Thee that to us has been entrusted the telling of the good news of the risen Lord. Make real to us that He Whom we seek to serve is He Who said, ''All power is given unto Me; go ye therefore and teach all nations.'' Give to us the indwelling of Thy Spirit that we may truly desire the establishment of Thy Kingdom. May we have such a realization of His constant Presence that we shall have the courage and faith to let go those things which hinder us from showing Him forth to others and enable us by our daily lives to witness to the victory and power we may have through Him. Work through Thy followers that more and more the leaders of the nations of the world shall seek to know God's will and plan for them. These petitions we offer in the name of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN NO. 214

Christ the Lord is Risen Today.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

—Frieda E. Matthews.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, ***Secretary***

Article II.

THIS is the second article of the series we started last month on the use made of our allocation.

The Children's Centre of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Vancouver.

"Jesus loves me this I know", sang a three year old on one of the crowded Vancouver street-cars. The mother let her continue to sing as she thought that evangelism would not harm anyone.

Thus is told one of the incidents about a child who attended the Children's Centre of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This Centre is situated in a district of crowded living quarters—one or two rooms to a family—and poor homes as well as comfortable ones. It is in charge of two deaconesses, Miss Helen Ross and Miss Catherine Watson.

At the Centre, the Nursery School with Miss Watson as director has an enrolment of thirty children whose ages range from three and a half to five years. It meets Monday to Friday from nine to twelve. The mothers have volunteered help and take turns assisting in the mornings.

Many mothers have reported their children in tears when they have to remain home because of illness. As one little girl put it, "I'm missing all the fun!" The children do enjoy the time together as they join in free play—indoors and out—worship, music, stories, games, dramatics, and handwork. Many opportunities arise to teach informally, kindness to others and sharing.

The teachings at the Centre are carried home with the children. Bible stories are repeated. Toys are put away at school when play time is over and at home baby brother has to tidy up too. Grace is said at the table as it is at the Centre. The expression of our youngest is ''What would 'peacher' say?''.

But the older children have a place at the Centre too. Miss Ross is the leader of the Mission Band, the Explorers and the C.G.I.T.

The Mission Band has a rounded programme of games, worship, missionary study, and handwork. They are finding the book, *Surprise for Min Deh,* very interesting.

The Explorers true to the idea of exploring decided that they wanted to learn about trees. After exploring the trees in Vancouver, they went by means of pictures to Palestine to learn of the trees there. This led to the study of life in Palestine involving questionnaires, quiz, reading and discussion.

The C.G.I.T. hold regular meetings. They have been studying the Book of the Acts as suggested in the book, *Building His Church,* by Miss Elsie Mathieson.

Besides the children's meetings, the mothers of the Nursery School children meet monthly to discuss such topics as ''Child Psychology and Religious Education'', ''The Meaning and Importance of Childhood'', and ''The Nursery School''.

Through this brief review of the work at the Children's Centre, you can see that we are endeavouring to make the Children's Centre a place where the children ''increase in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man''.

—*Catherine Watson.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

''ISN'T it a delight to visit such a happy group of girls?'' said Mrs. Evans upon leaving the church where the C.G.I.T. meeting was being held. ''Yes, indeed'' answered her friend. One was conscious all the time that here was a group of young people all earnestly doing their best to make the meeting a success. ''Wouldn't it be wonderful'' sighed Mrs. Evans, ''Just think of the interesting meetings we could have if all our members were willing to do their little bit to help and would at least take part with the study material.'' ''Some people are so willing to help,'' replied her friend ''And I'm afraid, of necessity, we impose upon them. Do you know, I'm afraid I rather envied Miss Robertson, the leader of that group.'' ''That was my feeling exactly'' said Mrs. Evans. ''I imagine girls groups are all pretty much like that. They just don't have the problems that we face in the Senior Auxiliaries.''

The two ladies continued on their way convinced that each Girls' group was patterned upon the highly successful one which they had visited. A wonderful thought, isn't it, but is it true? Does each group have the happy experience mentioned in our story? Does each girl in our groups share in the work to be done? Now come the rather searching questions: Do we do all in our power to make our meetings successful? Do we accept uncomplainingly the task given to us?

One is apt to place the responsibility for the failure or success of an organization upon the shoulders of a leader and, of course, any leader does carry a heavy share of the load. However, the most highly qualified and enthusiastic leader can do little or nothing without the co-operation in spirit and actions of those under her supervision. If we have amongst our numbers some ''whiners'' and ''obstacle raisers'' we can never hope to meet with any success and besides we can never have a good time because be sure these trouble makers will always find something about which to grumble.

Yes, we are forced to admit that all Girls' groups are not like the one visited by Mrs. Evans and her friend. I'm afraid we must suggest, too, that these same girls who at present are a cause of trouble and complaint in our teen-age groups are to some extent going to continue their unpopular methods right through until some day they reach the Senior Auxiliary where they will continue to be heartily disliked for their dampening effect upon the enthusiasm of others.

As girls, we should be careful about the habits we form for it is so easy to develop an unpleasant one and so difficult to throw it off. It is easy for us to see the faults of Margie and Joan, but do we always put the group interests before our own? Are we always good sports when Mary or Bernice is leading the games? If we are not too sure we can answer ''yes'' to these questions let us be careful lest because of our selfishness our groups fail to become sources of inspiration and pleasure.

Church World Service has issued a report of its relief activities in 1948. More than sixteen million dollars in funds and relief supplies were sent to war-stricken lands. Since Church World Service was formed in 1946, a total of about forty million dollars in funds and supplies have been sent through it by American Churches. Church World Service has also assisted twelve hundred and fifty displaced persons to enter the United States for re-settlement, and has helped fifty theological students to come to the United States for study. It has given aid to refugees in all parts of the world, and has helped to rebuild Churches in Germany, Austria, and Japan. More than thirty denominations and inter-denominational groups have made contributions through Church World Service.

—Permission of *World Church News.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

An Easter Service

> ''For lo the winter is past,
> The rain is over and gone,
> The flowers appear on the earth
> The time of the singing of birds is come.''
>
> Song of Solomon 2: 11-12.

Hymn No. 215

''Jesus Christ is risen to-day.''

Prayer

Our Father, we thank Thee that we have heard about Jesus Christ. We praise Thee for all the gladness of Easter, and for the joy which comes because we know that He is alive for evermore. Amen.

Leader

In many countries when two people meet on Easter morning, the first one greets the other with ''Christ is risen''. The second replies ''He is risen, indeed.''

In our country we are so accustomed to the story of Jesus Christ—His life, death and resurrection that we do not often consider how thankful we should be that the Bible was brought to this country many years ago.

Prakasam was a boy who lived in India. Because he had never heard about God, or His Son Jesus Christ he worshipped ugly idols. He sometimes thought there must be a God of love because the world is so beautiful. One day as he was walking along a dusty road he picked up some leaves of a book. It was a part of the New Testament. He read these pages and learned about Jesus, and the Heavenly Father, who is a God of love. He was first very happy, and then became sad when he read of Jesus' death. There the story ended.

Prakasam prayed to the God of love instead of the idols, but was sorry for the cruel death of Jesus. Months afterwards he went to a large city in India, and one day found himself outside of a beautiful Christian Church. He heard singing and very quietly followed the sound of the singing. It was Easter Sunday, but of course that did not mean anything to Prakasam. He listened very carefully to the words of the hymn ''Jesus Christ is risen to-day'' and the Easter story from the New Testament which we are going to read. Great was his happiness when he heard of the risen Christ.

BIBLE READING

(Read responsively) Matthew 28: 1-7.

HYMN NO. 755

"Come children join to sing."

LEADER

Now we are going to hear how a group of children in Central Africa praised God for the joyful news of the Living Christ. They lived in a mission school. On Easter morning they left their beds just as the sky showed a bit of light. After dressing quietly they started off, in a long procession carrying soft, feathery leaves. They stopped on a hill which overlooked a little African village, and there sang Easter hymns of joy and life and hope, so that the people in the village were wakened by the singing, and their first thoughts were about Christ rising. One by one the people came from the little brown-roofed houses, and if anyone asked "What does the singing mean they were told "The Chief has risen from the dead"—Jesus Christ being the Chief to whom these Africans gave loyalty and love.

PRAYER

Loving Father be with all Thy messengers who are telling the Good News about Thy love. Show us how we may help to send the stories of Jesus to people everywhere. May the peoples of other lands learn the Easter message until the whole world shall praise Thee. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

—*Lily M. Macarthur.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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VICTORIA Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary honoured Mrs. J. E. Boyd recently at an Auxiliary meeting where Mr. H. L. Harris, O.B.E., formerly of Kingston, Jamaica, spoke to members on "Christian Living".

Westminster Presbyterial — St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Young Women's Auxiliary held their installation of officers at which the Reverend H. A. Berlis officiated. Later he gave a most interesting talk on the spread of Christianity to the British Isles.

The annual meeting of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, was one of the most interesting in their history. All the reports were encouraging, and the prospects for the New Year are very bright.

An outstanding address was given by Mrs. Angus McKay, one of our returned missionaries from India.

At the annual meeting of Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, Mrs. W. J. Murdoch was re-elected president. The press secretary Mrs. A. Hally was honoured at the close of the meeting.

SASKATCHEWAN

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SASKATOON Presbyterial — At the December meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. G. N. Bennett read letters from the Reverend Malcolm and Mrs. Ransom, missionary representatives of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, who are working with the Church of Christ in China in South-West Yunnan. They write that no one can live in China to-day without feeling that, in spite of the chaos, great things are stirring, things of momentous import for the whole human race. China, the great nation that has lived on since antiquity, is in the throes of a great transformation. It is the time of opportunity for the forces of Christendom, without parallel in modern history. Annual reports presented by the various secretaries indicated progress in all departments. Mrs. Ross Downey was re-elected president.

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial—On January 14th a meeting of the Presbyterial was held to consider the annual reports of all the secretaries and these proved very gratifying and showed an advance in the work.

During the recent visit of Miss Ruby Walker to the Lakehead, a group of young women of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, was formed into a junior Guild. There are approximately 40 young women in this group.

The Presbyterian group of Vickers Heights held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. J. W. Andrews on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance of members and there were two visitors, Mrs. W. S. Nairn, President of Superior Presbyterial and Mrs. J. Gibb. Mrs. Nairn gave a very encouraging New Year's message to the group and Mrs. Gibb presented Mrs. Isaac Smith, Sr., with a life membership from St. Andrew's Auxiliary.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The Reverend C. Jackson presided for the Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, with Mrs. G. W. Bradley and Mrs. Lindores as guest speakers. Mrs. Bradley reviewed Council report and stressed the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Lindores spoke of the work she and her husband were doing in Brazil. Entertainment was provided by the Mission Band choir and Mrs. S. Sutton, soloist.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, held their first meeting of the year on January 18th. The minister Reverend Ross Adams, in an impressive service installed the officers for the ensuing year and also gave a very inspiring address on "Living by Tradition". At this meeting tentative plans were laid for the forming of a

C.G.I.T. group in St. Andrew's. This was the result of a visit to our Auxiliary in the late autumn of Miss Grace Mackay.

Chatham Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, during the second week of January. The reports showed excellent progress in the work of the Society and a spirit of optimism pervaded all sessions. Mrs. D. McLaren, Presbyterial President, presided and the Reverend Borsay, Hungarian minister at Delhi was guest speaker at the opening session.

In addressing the gathering at the closing session, Mrs. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., said, ''Canada and the United States stand alone as a Christian unit in the face of the whole world. We are favoured beyond any other people and God will hold us responsible for this position.

At the December meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, Windsor, loving tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Charles Christman, for many years faithful *Glad Tidings* Secretary, who at the time of her death, December 31st, had obtained 144 subscriptions for the coming year.

''If the outlook seems dark, try the upward look'', advised Miss Isabel McConnell, missionary on furlough from Central India, at the December meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor. ''The challenge to-day is to go forward'', was her closing sentence.

Carol singing and exchange of gifts highlighted the December meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor. Mrs. James Price gave the Christmas message.

Miss Marion Burgess, in her Christmas message to the Senior Auxiliary, Wallaceburg, said, ''Love is the magic key to the blessings of Joy and Peace to be found in Christ.''

Hamilton Presbyterial — The Presbyterial annual Women's day of Prayer Service was held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on January 7th. Mrs. Duncan Allan was the special speaker, bringing a New Year's message, ''A Challenge and A Promise''. She pointed out the importance of women accepting the challenge that comes each day, depending on the promise of God to always be present to strengthen and sustain us.

St. Paul's Home Circle, Hamilton, held their 70th anniversary meeting on December 7th.

Huron Presbyterial—The 63rd Presbyterial annual meeting was held in Clinton January 11th with Mrs. G. Bisset, president, in the chair. In her opening address Mrs. Bisset spoke of the challenge facing the Church to-day. ''Materialism seems to be gaining ground in so many countries . . . are we doing anything to check it?'' She referred to Miss Pelton's visit to our overseas fields, which will give us a better knowledge of the needs in these fields and also give encouragement to the workers there. She asked that the motto for the ensuing year be: ''Be strong and of good courage: be not dismayed.'' Reports pointed to a year of outstanding progress. The allocation was exceeded. Goderich has three C.G.I.T. groups with forty-five members and Seaforth nineteen groups. Mrs. Lane paid tribute to the outstanding work done by these girls, directed as they were by such capable leaders. Five Mission Bands had a most successful year; eighty-six children attended a rally in Hensall when five Junior Life Membership certificates were presented. The Presbyterial has 197 Home Helpers six of whom became active members during the year. Magazines were sent to Frontier College and three Honorary Life Memberships were presented.

London Presbyterial—At the annual meeting of the Presbyterial held in New St. James Church, London, Thursday, January 27th, Mrs. J. C. Davies, Walkers, was elected president for a third term. Mrs. R. P. Donald, treasurer, reported the majority of groups had exceeded their allocation; in all the Presbyterial sent in more than their allocation. Reports relating to Young Women's groups were most encouraging, two new groups having been formed during the year. An increase in membership was reported in 27 Mission Bands as well as increased givings. Miss M. Cameron reporting for C.G.I.T. girls told of the mission work done by the forty-eight girls enrolled. This group under the leadership of Miss McConnell, conducted the evening worship service. In her challenging address, Miss McConnell said, ''We who are in the battle appreciate the tremendous need for the work being carried on. We need new vision of the need at home where so many seem to have lost interest in missions.'' Stressing the responsibility of each individual Christian in the mission work linking the world at home and the work abroad, she urged young people attending the meeting to consider their part in bringing the world to Christ. Of India, she said, ''The door is still open for us to give the message and while it is open we must be on the alert to give it to those in darkness. The need is greater than ever before throughout India; it is desperate. If we don't go and teach them, they will not have the help they need.''

The Synodical President, Mrs. D. Munro spoke on the Columbus Conference. ''The world to-day is seeking short-cuts to peace and security,'' Mrs. Munro said, ''but it is only through Christianity that the world can know real peace and security.'' One of the great needs is a renewed faith and a new faith in the love of Christ. He is the transforming power that changes men and nations. ''The Women's Missionary Society is not the end in itself,'' she concluded, ''but through it men and women will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.''

Paris Presbyterial — At the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Miss Isabel McConnell was guest speaker. She told many details of her work among the Bhil tribes in India.

The work of the Society in all departments is flourishing in this Presbyterial as is evidenced in the Treasurer's report. Mrs. Malcolm showed that although a much larger allocation was accepted last year yet they had exceeded it. This was such an incentive that each member enthusiastically agreed to do better in 1949.

Knox Church, Brantford, reported the forming of a new C.G.I.T. group. Brantford is already making tentative plans for the visit of Synodical in 1950. Let us as members of the Women's Missionary Society of Hamilton and London Synodical pray for a blessing on this future conference.

A happy gesture of this annual meeting was the presenting of an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs Kelman, to be presented in person to Mrs. Kelman at the Edmonton Presbyterial meeting in February.

Sarnia Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of Sarnia Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on January 18th. The theme of the meeting was, ''Forward be our Watchword''. The president, Mrs. McEwen, Wyoming, together with members of Corunna and Point Edward Auxiliaries, gave spiritual leadership for a busy session. Satisfactory progress was reported from all departments and the Treasurer, Mrs. Williams announced the allocation had been exceeded by a goodly sum. Both Home Helpers and Life Membership gifts had increased their givings and the Supply Department had met its challenge.

The outstanding address of the afternoon was that of Mrs. H. A. McKenzie of Watford, who spoke on her impressions of life in China, where she lived for two years while her husband served as an investigator and advisor to UNRRA. She paid high tribute to the missionaries and Christian Chinese, who share their meagre living with the less fortunate. Many are living in real poverty that they may bring the word of Christ to China. Where only 10% of the people have a Christian faith and 80% are illiterate there is a vast work to do. Mission schools teach reading, writing, sanitation and trades. Wherever health centres can be set up there is a marked improvement in living standards.

The Cuthbertson Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Wyoming, closed a year of successful work, marked by an increase in membership and by the achievement of exceeding their allocation. A presentation of special interest was made by this Auxiliary at the Sunday School entertainment on December 16th when the Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. MacIver, and the retiring Auxiliary President, Mrs. Anderson, presented Junior Life Memberships and pins to three grandchildren and one great grandchild of the late Mrs. C. Nicholson, Wyoming, in memory of her work in the Auxiliary.

Stratford Presbyterial—The Presbyterial annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on January 13th. Mrs. J. Erskine of Monkton, presided and the theme of the meeting was ''Be ye of Good Courage.'' All reports showed 1948 to have been a year of advancement: there was an increase in Life Memberships, more subscribers to *Glad Tidings,* 872 visits made by the Welcome and Welfare Department, large shipments of books sent to Northern Ontario lumber camps, many interesting papers used from the Exchange Department, Student Secretary welcomed thirty students and nurses into the Church work, steadily progressing in Girls' and Young Women's Departments and great advance in the Evening Department. There are many active Mission Bands and St. Andrew's Band received a special award for their achievements under Mrs. B. L. Walker. The allocation was exceeded.

The guest speaker, Miss Louise Reith outlined materials available through the Literature Department. Miss Reith told of the urgency of the present situation which is being stressed at all Church Conferences, and of the need for taking advantage of the opportunities offered to-day. Miss Reith installed the officers, Mrs. Erskine continuing as president.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, April 26, 27, 28. The billeting secretary is Mrs. Don. Flett, 576 Stewart St., Peterborough.

Barrie Presbyterial — The northern section of the Presbyterial convened at Huntsville in the autumn with thirty representatives from Bracebridge, Port Carling, Bala and Gravenhurst as guests of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Huntsville.

Closing a very successful year, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Huntsville, presented three Life Membership certificates at their December meeting. Those honoured were Mrs. Neil McEachern, Mrs. Ausman and Mrs. Harman. Encouraging statements were received from the various departments and the same executive was returned for the coming year.

Guelph Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. In bringing greetings from Presbytery, the Reverend Findlay Stewart of Kitchener gave a thought-provoking message. The secretaries of the various departments gave encouraging reports of their work. The treasurer, Mrs. Morley Barber, Galt, reported that the allocation had been exceeded. At the afternoon session the guest speaker was Mrs. J. G. Inkster of Council Executive. She gave a most comprehensive review of mission fields at home and abroad in China, Formosa, India and British Guiana. Mrs. Inkster also presided for the election and installation of officers.

About seventy-five girls from Guelph Presbytery attended a fine rally at Fergus. Devotions were taken by the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's, Galt. Games and skits were enjoyed and supper was served by the Fergus ladies. Miss Norma Kennedy, councillor for the district showed pictures of Camp Council. The guest speaker was Miss Belle Dauphinee, superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, Guelph. She gave an inspiring address, challenging the girls to consider this work when choosing a vocation.

A rally of the Young Women's Auxiliaries of Guelph Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's, Kitchener. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Chiu from the Church of Christ in China were present and brought a thrilling message of work done for Christ in that war-torn country.

Lindsay Presbyterial—Miss Lily M. Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto Presbyterial, were guest speakers at the annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay. A splendid representation from each Auxiliary in the Presbyterial and the worth-while reports of the secretaries were encouraging. Mrs. Veale, Young Women's and Girls' Organizations Secretary, gave an interesting report of Girls' work. The Children's Secretary, Mrs. Moore, presented the picture of Dr. Jessie McBean to Woodville Mission Band for highest standing in the Presbyterial. Other Mission Bands commended for their work were Wick and Fenelon Falls. Mrs. MacKay expressed appreciation to Mrs. Cathcart, Presbyterial President, for the fine Christian leadership she has given this year.

The devotions were taken by Mrs. Almas, Bolsover, and by Lindsay Girls' Organization. The Beaverton Band delighted the gathering with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. John Brabazon, treasurer, gave a report of our finances, which exceeded our allocation.

Orangeville Presbyterial—The sixty-third annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Tweedsmuir Memorial Church, Orangeville, on January 13th, with a good representation from the various Auxiliaries. The reports were presented and fully discussed. The need for new and used clothing and magazines was stressed. Mrs. Reynolds, treasurer, reported an increase over 1947. Last summer sixteen of our girls attended camp from which they derived much help. A review of the year's work recalled splendid gatherings of the various groups. A Mission Band rally was held at Erin, a Young Women's rally at Grand Valley and a C.G.I.T. rally at Orangeville. Missionaries addressed various other groups throughout the Presbyterial stressing our responsibility in the great work of the Master: ''To feed His sheep''.

Our Presbyterial rally is to be held at Hillsburg in May.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. J. R. HILL, 250 COOPER STREET, OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The Presbyterial held its 35th annual meeting in South Mountain in January. The Reverend H. P. Maitland greeted the 90 delegates on behalf of Presbytery. Devotional periods were led by Mrs. H. Graham, who emphasized the theme ''Occupy till I Come'' and by Miss H. Jamieson who gave the message, ''not just be members, but true witnesses for our Saviour each day of the year.'' Mrs. William Fitzsimons who for the past six years guided the Presbyterial as president and who fulfilled practically every appointment asked of her, retired from office. During her term of office, camps became a reality, two deaconesses graduated from the Presbyterial, and givings of members almost doubled. Mrs. Earl Munro reported on new zeal and interest in each Auxiliary. Mrs. J. C. Ross, newly elected President in her address asked for more love, faith, prayer and Bible study. The Reverend Eric Larsen installed the officers. Mrs. Ledgerwood convener of Resolutions, thanked all who in any way made the meeting successful.

Glengarry Presbyterial—All members of the Presbyterial Sub-Executive were present at the January meeting in Cornwall. Mrs. G. S. Lloyd presided and reports showed loyal and sustained interest. The treasurer, Mrs. George Rupert, reported the 1948 allocation had been exceeded.

Lanark and Renfrew—''For me to live is Christ'' was the theme of the 35th annual Presbyterial meeting held in Arnprior. Mrs. Alexander Mills welcomed the guests and Mrs. E. Barr responded. Financial report given by Mrs. J. Culhane, showed a decided increase over last year. Mrs. H. Stinson, on behalf of Mission Bands, awarded the Banner to the Arnprior Explorer Group. Mrs. Paul Rumball (the former Jean MacLean, Almonte) told of the work she and her husband, Rev. Paul Rumball had accomplished in British Guiana, where eight churches and thirty primary schools were under their supervision, twelve of these are known as Canadian schools. Highlight of the evening session was the address by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Ottawa. Taking as her subject ''in the beginning, God'' the speaker said: ''We are standing at the starting point of a New Year, the future is an unknown road, but we do not have to go alone, we have the promise 'My Presence shall go with you and I will give you rest' ''. Mrs. Logan-Vencta also conducted the installation service. Mrs. F. R. Meredith is the new president.

Montreal Presbyterial — Knox Crescent-Kensington Auxiliary has completed its first joint year of endeavour with success. The financial objective of $2,000 has been over-subscribed. Three honorary memberships and one life mem-

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Treasurer's Statement

December 31, 1948

RECEIPTS:

Bassano Church, Miss Read's Services	$ 15.00
Missionaries' Personal Account	125.95
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	100.00
Sale of Sterilizer, Weirdale Nursing Home	20.00
A Sister in the Work, "Christmas Cheer for Needy Children"	5.00
Miss Morton, Brantford, "Support of Native Worker in India"	5.00
Mrs. Thomas Bell, Toronto	10.00
Innisfail, Alberta, Ladies' Aid, "Miss McConnell's Work"	17.20
Refund on Council Expenses	203.25
Refund on Insurance	252.55
Hospitalization	50.00
Synodical Societies:	
Alberta	3,145.94
Alberta, Supplies	15.00
British Columbia	3,700.00
British Columbia, Supplies	54.72
Manitoba	2,847.60
Manitoba, Supplies	27.75
Montreal and Ottawa	12,465.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	307.99
Toronto and Kingston	30,693.65
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	184.98
Hamilton and London	23,100.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	565.22
Saskatchewan	2,850.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	44.20
	$80,806.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 158.48
Birtle, Government Grant	3,107.71
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,602.61
Chinese in Canada	967.92
Deaconesses	799.77
St. Margaret's Centre	295.30
Children's Centres, Vancouver, Montreal	356.17
Port Work	109.10
Organization	862.70
Supplies	609.82
Exchange	32.52
Publications	1,748.32
Administration	1,276.52
Deputation	85.00
Insurance	57.20
Christian Literature	50.00
Life Membership	178.10
India:	
Bhil	4,613.25
Jhansi	3,823.75
China	1,475.00
Formosa	1,995.00
Missionaries' Expenses	27.25
Visual Education	777.92
Grants	250.00
Transfer to Pension Fund	20.00
Student	400.00
Hospitalization	52.00
	$27,889.73

RESERVE FUNDS:

Legacy Fund—

RECEIPTS:

Neepawa, Manitoba, Auxiliary, "Home Missions"	$ 100.00
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Estate of Margaret B. Tier, Stratford	200.00
Permanent Endowment in Memory of Ernest Wylie, "Support of Biblewoman, Bhil Field"	500.00
Estate of Arthur H. Robertson, Toronto	1,000.00
Estate of Sarah McKenzie, through Morningside Auxiliary, Toronto	25.00
Interest	287.78

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Caroline Macdonald Auxiliary, Morningside Church, Toronto, in Memory of the late Helen Murrie, ''Education of Girl in India''	50.00
Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Toronto	25.00
Flying Shot Lake Auxiliary	8.00
Miss A. Wilson, Vancouver	3.00
Interest	220.84
Overseas Fund—	
Interest	72.07
Special Fund—	
Interest	179.21
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	220.93
	$2,916.83

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN, *Treasurer.*

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bership were presented to Mrs. Wm. MacLean, Mrs. R. D. Smith, Mrs. H. T. Fraser and Mrs. W. H. Henry. Mrs. Wm. MacLean is president.

Mount Royal Auxiliary opened the 1949 season with an ''At Home'' at the home of the newly elected president, Mrs. Stanford Reid, when an interesting programme was carried out.

Ottawa Presbyterial—The 35th annual Presbyterial meeting, held in Erskine Church, will go down in history as one of the best on record. Reports were excellent and the statement by the Treasurer, Mrs. F. R. Duminy, that funds were well over the allocation, was received with thanksgiving. Mrs. Harcourt Emra, President of Synodical brought greetings. A message of love and good will was sent to Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, O.B.E., beloved Honorary President, who is ill. A welcome guest was Mrs. G. D. Johnston, president of Paris Presbyterial, who brought warmest greetings from her Presbyterial. Of special interest during the meetings were—an address by the Reverend G. Deane Johnston, Chairman of the General Board of Missions. Introduced by Reverend J. Logan-Vencta, Moderator of Presbytery, he gave a frank and optimistic outline of our fields, National and Overseas—the address by the President as she enlarged on the theme, ''The Faithful God which keepeth covenant''—and the Monday night meeting given over to the Young Women's and Evening Departments when a well planned panel discussion on the organization, purpose and spirit of the Women's Missionary Society was conducted.

Nearly fifty Presbyterian Canadian Girls in Training and their leaders enjoyed their annual rally on January 6th in Erskine Church, Ottawa. In addition to the supper, singsong and games, there were greetings from the Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, and from Mrs. J. R. Hill; motion pictures showing Chinese customs; and the story of last summer's Ontario Camp Council from Margaret Logan-Vencta. Miss Isabel Hill, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, presided and led in the service of worship.

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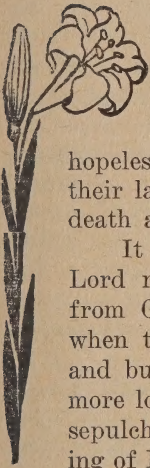
The Resurrection — Women As Witnesses

BY REVEREND JAMES McNEILL, D.D.



"HE is not here, He is risen." The triumphant words ring out: "The Lord is risen indeed." He rose according to the Scriptures on the third day. The fact is well attested, and He Himself foretold His uprising. At the break of day, while the disciples were brooding in hopeless melancholy and the faithful women were contemplating their last sad mission to the tomb, Christ had burst the fetters of death and was preparing to meet them again.

It was to a band of loyal, courageous women that the risen Lord revealed Himself first. Those women had followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem; they had remained beside the cross when the rest forsook Him; and when "He was crucified, dead and buried" they "beheld where He was laid." There was one more loving service they could render—they would proceed to the sepulchre with the spices which they had prepared for the embalming of His body.

Those women did not know that the tomb was guarded and that it was sealed. Even if they had known, it is questionable if that fact would have hindered them in their purpose. They did know however that a great stone had been placed at the entrance. As they walked in the dim light of that early morning, the problem of the stone troubled them—but it did not daunt them. That persistence of affection and purpose which had characterised their discipleship in the days of His flesh held them to their course now that He was dead; and when they reached the tomb at last, behold the stone was rolled away!

But the Tomb Was Empty! The body of Jesus was not there. They were "amazed"; they "trembled"; they were "afraid". Their first impression was that the tomb had been rifled and desecrated. There seemed to them no other explanation; for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was totally unexpected. Before this stupendous event ever happened, its possibility never seems to have entered the minds of any of our Lord's disciples and followers. "As yet" says

John ''they knew not the scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.'' To them, the crucifixion was final; death had triumphed.

But the Tomb Was Not Altogether Empty! Sitting on the stone which he had rolled back there was ''the angel of the Lord''. ''His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.'' The grave was empty, but the angel knew why it was empty. It had not been rifled. It had not been desecrated. ''Fear not ye'', he said, ''for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.'' Then came the angelic commission: ''Go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead . . . behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him.''

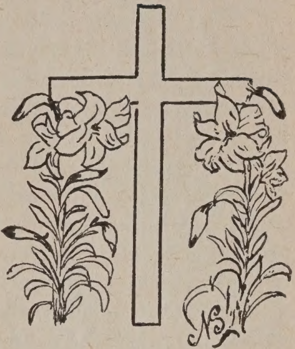
Women as Witnesses, the First Witnesses! How thrilled to the depths those women were! The Lord had risen in the power of an endless life! For once the grave is not a place of sorrow!

Joy gave speed to their feet as they ran to tell the glad tidings. But the amazing experiences of that dawn were not over. ''Behold Jesus met them, saying, Hail.'' The Greek word for ''Hail'' means literally ''Rejoice''. Later, when He met His disciples in the Upper Room, He used the familiar word of Hebrew greeting, ''Peace''. But to the women He said, ''Rejoice''. There was a singular absence of hysteria. ''They came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him.''

How quickly those women grasped the situation. They were no longer leaderless and lifeless. It was the beginning of days with them. All was transformed. ''The Lord is risen indeed.'' At the appointed time and place in Galilee, not only the Apostles, but the 500 disciples of whom St. Paul speaks, assembled. There, from the mountain-top, the Risen Lord announced the world-wide, age-long task of His Church: ''Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'' And in this glorious task, transmitted from one generation to another, the ministry of women—by reason of their essential fidelity and constancy of affection—has played an ever-increasingly important part. ''Make disciples of all nations''—that must be our chief witness to the Resurrection to-day.

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

EDITORIAL



"The Son of man shall be delivered unto the Gentiles . . . and they shall scourge Him and put Him to death . . . and the third day He shall rise again."

Once more we are at the Easter season of the year when we remember these prophetic words of Christ. We are reminded of the love, sacrifice and ultimate victory He showed by "the way of the Cross".

The Cross has risen again on the Calvaries of the world. It is standing within the countries where Christ's Church is being persecuted and we are seeing in our own day a crucifixion of Him in the torturing of His disciples which has a parallel in those dreadful days nineteen and a half centuries ago when our Lord suffered for us.

Centuries have passed and man's mind though able to use the material gifts which God has given seems unable to encompass His Spiritual powers. The enemies of Christ to-day believe that His Spirit in mankind can be destroyed by scientific means. The Romans and the Jewish hierarchy thought to destroy Him with mental and physical cruelty and with death. But after three days He rose again. He was triumphant. God cannot be destroyed for He is our Maker. In those days it seemed as though the pagans had won, as though with physical alienation they had destroyed the Master. It may seem to those who observe the modern persecution that the Spirit of the living God is being destroyed in men—but the empty tomb reminds us that He is risen and is with His disciples and that His Spirit is indestructible.

You will have read the March issue of *The Glad Tidings* which contained the annual financial statement for the year. You will have discovered that we are a mission-minded Society and are at this moment prepared to give financial help to the maintenance and furtherance of the missionary movement. Not long ago we attended the Canadian Overseas Missions Council. At one of the sessions we noted that in addition to a large representation from our Society, more than 50 per cent. of the male attendants were Presbyterian ministers. This means that we are interested in missions, that we are one of the most interested Churches in this Dominion, in the problems of spreading the word of Christ.

There is one plea that must now come to Presbyterian young people. Paul stated it beseeching, ''brethren . . . present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.'' Our Society needs YOU to devote your life to the full-time service of the Master. It needs professionally trained women for foreign work and for work here at home. Perhaps you have the desire to serve but cannot see how you can obtain the education required. Do not let this keep you from making known your call to members of the Society, either in your Synodical organizations or to members of Council Executive. They are anxious to help you. You will read in this issue the urgent request for a nurse for Formosa. Mrs. McMurrich will be glad to hear from you, whatever your interest may be. She will help you to make plans to work under our Society. Think carefully about your future. Let not this call go unheeded. We need you.

A Mission was conducted early in the winter this year at several Canadian Universities. To the challenge: The choice is yours—thousands of students have been directed to search their minds, to study the facts, to seek God in prayer, all this with the help of some of the best minds on this continent and with the inspired leadership of an outstanding Englishman. By their attendance and attention they gave evidence that they were interested in choosing Christ as their Master. It was very evident to them that Bishop Stephen Neill, assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Associate Secretary of the World Council of Churches knew with certainty that Jesus was his Master and Guide. ''If the coming of Christ was not the greatest thing that this world had known, then it was the greatest fraud. If life after death is untrue then it were better if men had not seen that vision.'' With quiet conviction and assurance of the truth he was speaking, Bishop Neill urged students to decide either for Christ or against Him. ''You cannot avoid making up your mind about Jesus, putting off the decision is not fair to civilization.''

As women who are interested in the spreading of God's truth at home and abroad, we must rejoice that these university Christian Missions have found so many students anxious to know Christ better, anxious to make a decision about religion. In our homes we must support them, our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters with our prayers and our sympathy that they may know that we too desire to live for Christ.

Deputation Arrives Home

Miss Laura K. Pelton

MISS LAURA K. PELTON, who was a member of the delegation which visited the overseas fields — Formosa, Yunnan Province, India (Jhansi and Bhil fields) is back again in Canada. On their return they availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the offices of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh, as well as the Head Offices in London of various interdenominational missionary organizations. Reports will be presented to the General Board of Missions and Council Executive and Miss Pelton will address the annual meetings of the three Eastern Synodicals and be one of the speakers at the Evening Department Conference in Montreal.

From a letter from Miss Pelton, February 17th, 1949.

"AT last we are tasting some of the warm weather of India. Not their heat the folk here assure us but it is hot to me during the middle of the day and here at Barwani not even the nights are cold as they have been every where else."

"I cannot pretend other than that I am glad we are on the home stretch. This has been one of those experiences which no money could buy and which one hopes one does not have to repeat. Of course our visit has been set in an eastern world which is in revolution and transition. Everywhere you go the common cry is nothing is at it was before. That in itself can be very healthy but the tragedy is that no one seems to know where this part of the world is going.

It is tragic and if one is at all sensitive to the dilemma and predicament of others one finds oneself in a surprising emotional upheaval. I have found particularly that India sucks one down into its crisis and leaves you panting and sobbing within the depths of your being. What will be the end? I wonder! One thing is certain to me that the East is lost without the Gospel of Christ and our missionary effort, I mean all missionary effort appears to be so feeble in the face of the tramp, tramp, tramp of the diabolical forces and godless ideologies that are marching right into the centre of the whole structure of these peoples' culture and life.

Two Indian Stories

BY MISS MARGARET KENNEDY

Miss Margaret Kennedy

I'M out in camp and the other day we went to a nearby market, came home feeling happy at the reception we had by both Hindus and Moslems, and en route we saw such a sight, that I had to write it down, as I don't often get such inspirations!

''Would you like a ride? The soft dust springs up in miniature clouds at each footfall and it is fairly hot. Take your choice! Here comes an oxcart, its metal-rimmed wooden wheels biting into the hard ruts. Here comes three donkeys, gentle looking things, their huge heads still seeming so out of proportion to their bodies. But wait, wait! What are looming up ahead of us? Camels and more camels, a long straggling stream of them. But where is the smooth outline of their humps as seen in romantic sketches? No smooth outlines here for on each camel's back there is a medley of poles, sticks, bundles, paws and legs, sticking out at all angles. These all sway past us, but the proud imperturable look of these lords of the desert makes this ''flitting'' no pantomime but a pageant. However, we try to avoid those supercilious looks and give ourselves up to enjoyment, pointing things out to one another as the strange procession moves along. We see water pots, blankets, part of a plough and there is the inevitable rope bed with its wooden frame strapped on to every camel. Look, there is a baby tied on to the top of that bed, and here is an older child fastened on to the next one. 'Look, Miss Sahib,' calls Roshan, 'There is a little puppy between the blankets and the bed on this camel.' 'Yes,' I reply, 'but look there, a fair sized goat is strapped on to the side of that one.' Then immediately our eyes are off those and on to a gypsy-like looking man coming behind, as a little boy's brown leg is swinging out of a cloth tied on to his back.

They are nearly all women that are with the camels and they wear swirling skirts and long tuckered bodices not seen in these parts. Eventually one man understood our questioning enough to give a short answer. They had come far, from a district in Rajputana. Why had they come? 'Akal para'—there was a famine. Those two words were sufficient; everything was described and understood. But why so many women and only two or three men? We found an answer to that too when, after we passed the last camel, we saw in the distance a moving, shimmering whiteness. Sheep! Hundreds of them, plus flocks of goats. It was quite a scene to behold as sheep are not common here. They moved in distinct groups of perhaps two hundred animals, each group having its shepherds. They spread out over the stubble fields and pathways, then at the call of their shepherd, they would gather in together a little. One man stopped to speak to us as his sheep daintily crossed a stream on the stepping stones, and he asked us what village was ahead. We asked him how far they were going, Oh, until they came to a valley where there was grass. These were no poor people, but substantial householders who had decided to leave the famine area in search of a green valley. Here was Abraham setting out from Ur with all his goods and animals, looking for a better country, a stranger in a strange land. Looking at these people, we could quite understand why a wife had to be sought for Isaac back in the home land. How peculiar the women of this area must seem to this stalwart, sharp-featured young shepherd as he strides along with his young sister behind him. She is wearing a jacket, over her long skirt, and it is embroidered and sewn with circular pieces of mirror. She has a necklace shaped like a crescent, two inches of solid silver at the widest part and inscribed with some figures. Behind her comes a woman with a mountain of a bundle on her head and her arms covered with strange bracelets, like egg cups turned stem to stem.

We had been passing the procession for two miles now and had reached the stream on the banks of which were our tents. Here at the tail end of all, we found two more flocks of sheep, or rather lambs, small fluffy things that you wanted to pick up and fondle. Here and there among the whiteness, were shining black little kids. The shepherds were not hurrying them, letting them drink the water then jostle each other leisurely along. You wanted to stop and cry aloud the words of the 23 Psalm to let all know that this was a scene made forever beautiful and of eternal significance by a poet of the Lord. Here was the nature of God revealed in a living scene and not a stone's throw away, were people worshipping gods whose natures were very far removed from that of the tender Shepherd. Could we not get them to see the truth? The pageant was over, but the memory will last long, for here were a people who, recognizing the oncome of desolation and ruin, gathered up all that was theirs, turned their back on that scene, and with faith set themselves to look for a better land. We also have much to learn.''

Story Two: What a Gift Meant for Mangat

BY MISS MARGARET KENNEDY

I HAVE received a gift of $9.00 and I would like to thank the kind donors for their thoughtfulness and their gift. When that $9.00 is translated into rupees, it makes the grand sum of Rupees 29 Annas 11, and there are many things I can do with this amount.

One way in which I intend to use this money right now is to help a young fellow called Mangat. Mangat is about 16 years old and his family have been Christians for a few years now. He has never been to school, but has come up to the hot weather classes in Toranmal where we teach reading and writing as well as Bible and Christian teaching. Mangat has thus learned to read and write to some extent and he is anxious to learn more so that he can go to a vocational school and learn a trade. All his people are very poor, as they only do day labourer's work, the women getting 8 annas (16c) a day and the men 10 annas. Right now I don't know how they are managing as Mangat's father is being bothered with asthma a good deal and this week his mother is sick with influenza. However, since I have been in camp in this district, Mangat has been working for me, at this same rate of 10 annas, and he has learned how to weave the broad strong tape that they use here to make their beds.

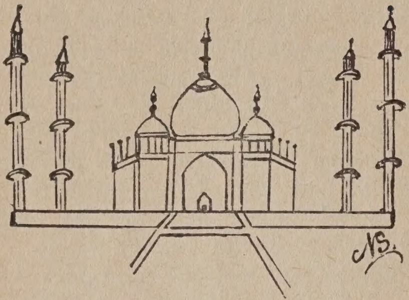
I learned how to make this tape when visiting with an English padre and his wife and they very kindly gave me one of their outfits—you only need two wooden pieces of equipment. These pieces Mangat has been using, but at the end of this week, after the delegation from home have visited my camp, I will be leaving and taking my equipment with me. I am therefore making arrangements for a carpenter to copy these pieces, so that the donors will be buying an outfit for Mangat to start him off on his own making tape. Two days ago, Mangat and I came into the bazaar three miles away and bought more cotton so that he could start in earnest. I was telling him how he would have to figure out his costs, and then we enquired from the shopkeeper what the selling price of this tape, called nawar in Hindi, was nowadays. He didn't know because, he said, it wasn't made anywhere in this district. That made Mangat feel wonderful and I'm sure he has visions of quite a business.

Mangat's people being illiterate don't know a great deal yet about the richness of this Christian Gospel of our's, but I wish you would join me in prayer for this young fellow that he will learn and grow and develop into a strong Christian leader.

News, Up to the Moment

From the India Fields

From a letter from Miss Marion Williamson, February 20th, 1949.



WE have seventeen children in the Babies' Home now. Three have come since Christmas. In every case the mother died and there was no one to care for the child. One came the day it was born, the other two are four months old. They are all doing well now.

All our children are well, except for whooping cough, but it is all over the community so there was no escaping it. I got it myself, but am now almost better, although the cough seems to keep on a long time, not continually, but now and again, just to keep me reminded of it.

The members of our Society would wish to express their sympathy to Dr. Maurer of Jhansi, India, in the very sudden death of both parents about Christmas time. They were in a motor accident, and Dr. Maurer her father, was killed instantly and her mother died in a few hours. They had made all arrangements to go to their former home in Switzerland to attend the celebrations of Dr. Maurer's University. Dr. Maurer, the missionary in Jhansi, is now lying ill in our Amkhut residence. She it was who was so kind to Miss Rollo during her illness in Jhansi.

From Formosa

A letter from Miss Dorothy Douglas.

. . . I often wonder just how economical experts would explain the present situation in China for every thing seems contrary to all accepted rules. Our cook gets a higher salary than the Principal of the Girls' School and still he doesn't get as much as his friends who are cooks at the Consulate and houses of the business people on the Compound. He could get more than we pay him any day and we can't let him be too far behind the others. The others have gone up again this month and we don't know what to do for we can't put the teachers' salaries up as high as the neighbours' cooks. Everything that is imported is quite prohibitive now so what we haven't got, we do without but we are not badly off. Money is of no value and nobody keeps it but turns it into commodities as soon as possible.

We had Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood Eddy here last week. He was having a series of meetings in Taipeh and they came out here for lunch one day and spoke to the pupils.

Last night a choir of about two hundred voices put on the Messiah in Taipeh. Isabel (Taylor) did most of the accompaniments. . . .

This will reach you just about Christmas if all goes well. The school activities are varied this year. They are putting on a play, Dickens' Christmas Carol and the choir which is made up of pupils from both schools are putting on the Cantata, ''Bethlehem'', in the Tamsui Church next Sunday night. The teachers are having dinner together on the twenty-fourth. They are killing one of the school pigs so that we will have pork for both the teachers and pupils.

We are going to be at Dickson's for Christmas but we are sharing everything between us. Thanks to Miss Hermanson we have enough fruit to make a pudding of sorts. Perhaps not as rich as our grandmothers' but it will be the same as most people will have this year everywhere, I am sure. Our turkeys are being given to us so you can be assured that we will have a good dinner. . . .

IN accordance with the policy of the Women's Missionary Society that there should be a radio on every field, and in response to a request from Miss Pelton, a table model radio-phonograph was sent to Formosa with Miss Hermanson. It is expected that Miss Taylor will use it particularly for music appreciation studies. Because this item of supplies was so recently sent, it was very exciting to hear the leader of a Dominion-wide CBC radio programme, read a letter one day from Miss Taylor's father, Mr. R. L. Taylor, in Orillia. In the letter Mr. Taylor stated that Miss Taylor had written home to say that she had heard a broadcast of this programme, which was relayed from Toronto, to Manila, to Tamsui. ''It was a real thrill to her and she said it was like a breath from home'', wrote Mr. Taylor to the programme director.

The Home Field

Miss Frieda Matthews visited Montreal during the latter part of February. She reported the work there going along well. Of great interest to us is the fact that the Chinese Church is in the process of being built. Excavation has been begun and it is hoped that soon the Church services may be held in the new building. The Chinese in Montreal are now worshipping in the Young Men's Chinese Institute.

"Who Will Go For Us?"

AMONG the urgent calls that come to young people to-day there is one that should have priority. It is the call of God to go with His Son 'into all the world' and the promise of power and strength which accompanies that call. There is urgent need *right now* for those young people who have that spiritual sense of vocation which is of paramount importance in Christian service to respond to the call.

For some time our Women's Missionary Society has been seeking for a missionary nurse for the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Formosa, and several tentative plans have not materialized. One who is fully qualified and with some experience is required. Under present conditions this will be a great adventure requiring unusual courage and faith, but we know that there is someone somewhere to whom it will make a tremendous appeal and we urge that she should apply without delay to the Candidates Secretary, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, 169 Balmoral Ave., Toronto 5, Ontario.

—*M.L.McM.*

Mrs. John Williams . . . In Memoriam

IN the sudden death of Mrs. John Williams on February 10th, the Women's Missionary Society suffered the loss of a valued member. She will long be remembered for her years of devoted service, so freely given. She served as Corresponding Secretary in Toronto Presbyterial, later as Corresponding Secretary of the Ontario Provincial Society and then became President of the Provincial and a member of Council Executive. At the time of her death she was Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston. To her husband and to the Synodical we offer our sincere sympathy.

An Easter Prayer

"I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Father of Love, whose only Son
Was nailed upon the cruel tree,
Grant us the *Life* He came to bring,
That we triumphantly may sing:
"O death! dread death! where *Is* thy sting?
O grave! thy victory?"

Vancouver. —May C. Smith.

"The Christian Approach to Youth To-day"

By Margaret Webster, B.A.

Miss Webster, Associate Secretary, Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches describes a conference of youth leaders which Presbyterian Regional Secretaries will attend.

Miss Margaret Webster, B.A.

A CONFERENCE that will be of significance both in its effect on Church youth work and in its truly inter-denominational character will be held in Toronto at the end of April. This conference, for all secretaries engaged for either full or part-time in teen-age girls' work, is to be held under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches.

A new era in girls' workers conferences will be ushered in with these meetings. In past years there have been staff conferences—but their membership included only the National Girls' Work Secretary of each Denomination using the Canadian Girls in Training Programme and the provincial inter-denominational secretaries doing C.G.I.T. work. This year the conference will be much more inclusive of all girls' work. Besides the national denominational girls' secretaries and the C.G.I.T. secretaries, all provincial denominational secretaries doing full or part-time girls' work will attend. The Church of England Dominion and Regional Girls' Auxiliary Supervisors and also a number of Girls' Work Secretaries from the Y.W.C.A. will take part for the first time. In all there will probably be 25 or 30 secretaries sharing their ideas about youth work.

From our own Presbyterian Church this will mean wider representation than we have ever had previously at such conferences. If a new National Girls' Work Secretary is appointed by the time of the conference she will in all probability attend. Besides the National Secretary, however, our three regional Secretaries—Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Miss Athalie Read from Alberta, and Miss Grace Mackay from British Columbia—are to be present. The presence of these workers will mean the gaining of new inspiration and new ideas for them and for our work, and a greater recognition of the contribution that our Church can make to such work.

The main emphasis of the conference is to be ''The Christian Approach to Teen-Agers Today''. Each day will begin with a lecture on ''Our Christian Faith''. This will be followed by discussions concerning ways in which our Christian beliefs can best be presented to Teen-Age girls. There will be further discussion about such important topics as field work techniques, leadership training methods and organizational methods. Such practical subjects as camping, music leadership, the use of radio, and audio-visual techniques will also receive attention.

There will be time in the conference for some sessions devoted to specific programmes—Canadian Girls in Training, Anglican Girls' Auxiliaries, and Y.W.C.A. girls' clubs. It is likely that the relationship of our regional secretaries to provincial interdenominational Girls' Work Boards will receive consideration.

Meetings are to be held in the School of Missions on St. George Street in Toronto from April 28 to May 2. Following the girls' conference there will be a one-day conference in children's work. Miss Macarthur is assisting in the planning for this conference and our regional workers will attend these sessions also.

Regional Secretaries Undertake New Responsibilities

FOR some time now the members of Council Executive as well as many of our Women's Missionary Society members have realized that the work that our Regional Secretaries are doing is much broader in nature than just missionary education. Their task includes the organization and assisting of all types of groups with local churches in the areas that they are serving. Members of the Church's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies have also recognized the broad nature of the work of Regional Secretaries.

As a result an agreement concerning the work of these secretaries has been worked out between our Society and the Board. The

Miss Grace Mackay,
Regional Secretary for
British Columbia

Miss Athalie Read
Regional Secretary
for Alberta

Regional Secretaries are to be considered as Christian education secretaries connected with the Board of Sabbath Schools as well as the W.M.S., although they will remain in the full employ of our Society. Such an arrangement will mean that the regional secretaries will be kept informed concerning the policies of the Sabbath School Board and will have a closer connection with Sunday Schools and all youth groups. In interdenominational youth work the arrangement provides for our regional secretaries to be the official secretaries and representatives of our Presbyterian Church on Provincial boards.

This policy concerning regional secretaries is similar to that worked out a year ago for our National Children's Work and Youth Work Secretaries. Our National Girls' Work Secretary is employed jointly by the Board and our Society.

Our secretaries will welcome the new connection with the Board of Sabbath Schools and with local Sunday School and youth work. Our Society will be glad to share in this way in the general work of Christian education in our Church.

The Regional Secretaries at Work

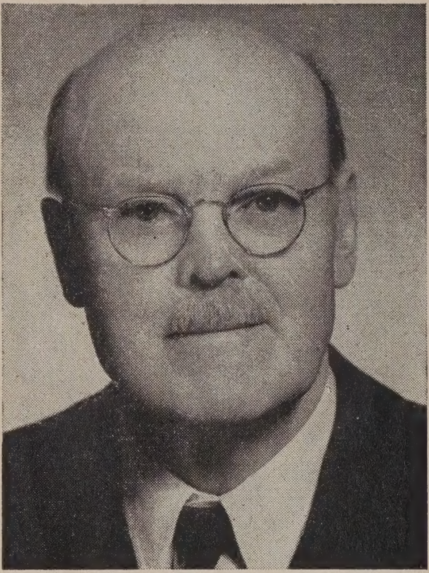
MISS RUBY WALKER is the Regional Secretary in the Synods of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. During January and February she attended Presbyterial annual meetings where possible and in between meetings she was able to visit groups to encourage them or give assistance in re-grouping. In one place she was able to organize a new group and has others in the process of organizing.

Miss Athalie Read, Regional Secretary in Alberta, attended the annual Presbyterial meetings there and is doing a work similar to that of Miss Walker.

Miss Grace Mackay, recently appointed Regional Secretary in British Columbia, is planning her work with the Executives. She will attend the Presbyterial meetings and get to know her territory. In the meantime her work is very much connected with the Sunday Schools and teacher training classes and with Young People's Societies. —*B.S.McL.*

Miss Ruby Walker.
Regional Secretary for
Manitoba and Saskatchewan

The Women's Missionary Society Aids in Opening A Mission in Japan



Dr. L. L. Young

LAST month the treasurer of our Society announced that the plan for opening mission work among the Koreans in Japan was to receive our financial support. That announcement together with the one that Dr. Luther Young is even now on his way to that field, makes us stop to review the work which interested our Church in that land.

Many will recall that our missionary movement had helped to build a strong mission in Korea, one which had developed into the Presbyterian Church in Korea. In 1925, conditions for our Church changed and our work in that country was discontinued. However, the work among Koreans was not given up. Because a large number of these people had migrated to Japan to seek better financial conditions in industry there, it was felt that our Church could serve among these people. Consequently in 1927 a delegation studied the situation there, and decided to begin Presbyterian work among the Koreans in Japan, in co-operation with the established Chosen Christian Church.

In 1927 the Mission began with two missionaries, one male evangelist and one Bible woman. The staff of native workers grew—churches and church organizations were established. In 1939 changes again took place. The Japanese Government, at war with China, began to interfere in the freedom of religious groups and to demand that they be under the direct guidance of government officials. It was then that foreign missionaries were advised to leave.

Now that Japan again has peace, there has come a Macedonian call from the Koreans there. They want help, and they want Dr. and Mrs. Young. So, they unmindful of their personal well being are once more going back to labour in this field. We are proud to be able to help them and we wish them God's blessing in their work.

The Biggest Gift

A Formosan nurse tells of the gift she received through our Church.

Miss Chiong Sin-Sim

MISS CHIONG SIN-SIM is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister in Formosa, Reverend Chiong Thian Ki. The story of her family and the gift, began with the ministering of Dr. George Leslie Mackay. Among his first students at the theological college in Tamsui was a young Formosan Mr. Chiong. After graduation from Dr. Mackay's classes Mr. Chiong began his Christian ministry in the rural areas of Formosa and then ministered in Tamsui and Taipeh, where his family took its place in the Christian Church and in the school under guidance of our missionaries.

One member of that family, Miss Chiong Sin-Sim, a young lady who is indeed a credit to her family and to her teachers, is at present studying in Toronto. In one of the most interesting interviews we have had the privilege of experiencing, Miss Chiong revealed as she told her family's story, the part she played in a Christian home. She is studying in America on a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship. Her hope is to be able to teach nursing when she returns to her native land. The mere mention of Miss Hermanson, Miss Taylor, Miss Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, bring enthusiastic descriptions of her life in the Tamsui school or the Mackay Memorial Hospital. With a mischievous smile she confessed that she was not always as faithful a student at the piano as Miss Taylor would have had her be, but the studies she is pursuing here in Canada, the knowledge of our language and our customs, learned chiefly since September, indicate a scholarly and disciplined mind.

Asked what her heritage of a Christian home had meant to her, she exclaimed: ''It is the biggest gift I was given''. She went on to state how Christian ideals had been standards for their education, for their activity in the community, for all of their thinking. Christian ideals have made the members of the Chiong family a powerful force for good in the land of their birth. What a privilege The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Women's Missionary Society has had in having a part in presenting this ''biggest gift''.

New Canadians

A story of Ukrainian Newcomers, told by Reverend Michael and Mrs. Fesenko.

BACK in the days when Canada was sending agents abroad to advertise her broad plains as suitable areas for settling, the peoples of Central Europe responded to the challenge of a new land and new opportunities. Of these Central Europeans the largest number came from the Ukraine. Here in Canada they had freedom to make their own way, but their livelihood had to be purchased by the toil, frustration, and discouragement of pioneer life in a new uncharted land. Yet they persevered. To-day they are the third largest national group in Canada and are taking their place in the life and work of the nation. Descended from one of these pioneer Ukrainian families is Mrs. Michael Fesenko, the Women's Missionary Society deaconess among Ukrainian people in Toronto. From her and from her husband Reverend Michael Fesenko, we have heard the story of their work among their people in Toronto and of the problems which they are encountering in these new days of pioneering.

Who are these Ukrainian peoples now coming to our land? What are they like? Like other national groups coming, they are people who have lived in Displaced Persons Camps. They have gone to these camps from German concentration camps from slave-labour camps from military prisoner-of-war camps rather than return to the oppression of their own land, oppression much worse in its intensity and cruelty than that which urged their forefathers to leave the homeland. These people have lived under two regimes of horror. As enemies of Germans they suffered in labour and prisoner-of-war camps. As enemies of Communism they have been the victims of Russian intolerance and hatred. So much have they suffered that Mr. Fesenko stated he did not know how they maintain their sanity.

Years ago the Ukrainian people coming to this country were peasant people. To-day an educated group is coming—scientists, artists, lawyers, teachers. Are they not of the Greek Orthodox faith? The answer that comes from Mr. and Mrs. Fesenko is that events affecting Church and state in their land have kept many Ukrainian people without knowledge of the Greek Orthodox faith, since the state treated that Church to persecution. Yet they are essentially a religious people and they are anxious to have knowledge of a faith on which they can depend. ''We do not ask them to become members of our Church'', said Mrs. Fesenko, ''we merely do what we can to help them, and tell them they are free to choose what religion they wish. We do not separate them into a secluded group. We feel they should mix with other Canadian people in order that they may become acquainted with our way of life. Of course many of them do come with us.''

When asked what part our Church can do to help these New Canadians Mrs. Fesenko replied—''We think it is most important to make a good first impression.'' She recalled a statement made by one of these newcomers to the congregation: ''The first words I heard when I arrived in Toronto was: 'You are no longer a Displaced Person you are a New Canadian'.'' Whoever said those words made that man feel at home. If we could provide an assistant to our port workers who had linguistic ability, such that they could communicate easily with those who came, there would be many happy New Canadians who would begin their lives in a new land with the certain knowledge that a Christian organization cared about them.

Once more we see a challenge and a duty for our Church and for us as individuals. There are political groups who are trying to convince government and church officials that refugees are not good citizens. They create a feeling of doubt in our minds that we may wonder if we are doing what is right in welcoming them to our land. Their reason is obvious. Refugees are opposed to those forces which seek to dominate their minds and souls. In many cases, Mr. Fesenko says, they become an active group going to Communist meetings and challenging them to prove that their philosophy and economy brings anything but misery and despair. They are as anxious as we to live for political and religious freedom. We should not be coerced into thinking ill against them.

We have Ukrainian Churches in Toronto and Oshawa; one is being organized in Hamilton and plans are being made for work to be carried on in the West. We know, from the reports of our workers in the west that there are many communities where Ukrainian folk have and are making their contribution to Canadian life. In our thinking about the work there is to do, let us remember the Ukrainian New Canadians and their needs. With this thought in mind let us read the report Mrs. Fesenko wrote on the work she and Mr. Fesenko are doing in one centre among these New Canadians.

Report of Mrs. Fesenko — Deaconess to the Ukrainians, Toronto

Ukrainian population in Toronto has greatly increased during and since the war. It is well over 20,000 now. This change has been felt in our work at the mission. For the last year and a half there has been a decided influx of newcomers from Europe. Many have settled in Toronto. It is interesting to note that since the arrival of new immigrants in this city, we have had visits from ''opera singers, doctors, scientists, lawyers, professors, teachers''. All of them of the Roman Catholic or the Greek Orthodox faith. They have come to know that in case of any need or trouble the best place to go to is the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, where they will be assisted to the limit.

During the past year the number of callers was so great and they seemed to disregard the time and hours for their visits, that indeed we looked for space in the church which could be used as a convenient place where the minister could receive them. But to no avail as every corner and nook is used up by the nursery, and so we continue to receive people at our home without exaggeration from 6.30 a.m. to 12 o'clock midnight. . . .

Our congregation grows in number in attendance at the church services, mostly on account of the new immigrants from Europe, and our work again reminds us of the early years of the mission, when much interpretation in hospitals, and employment offices, was done by the deaconess. The only difference is that these present immigrants are of the educated class and are a bit easier to deal with.

Correspondence with Ukrainians in Europe increases with every day. During the year about 850 personal letters were answered, and 1,400 circular letters were sent out. The paper *Evangelical Truth* has been a wonderful source in spreading the Gospel here and abroad. One thousand copies are printed monthly of which half goes to Europe. The paper is read by all religious groups. Among our readers are Ukrainian statesmen, scientists, writers. In this small way we do have an opportunity to influence some of our Ukrainian leaders in favour of Presbyterianism. The results might be far reaching for the life of our people as a whole.

Our annual radio broadcast took place January 16th, from our church, featuring the choir, one third of which is composed of recent newcomers from Displaced Persons' camps in Germany. We have had numerous messages by letter and telephone, of thanks and appreciation for the service. One letter came from an Anglican lady in New York, which was most encouraging. One lady in Toronto came to see Mr. Fesenko about a possible trans-Canada CBC broadcast.

Much time and labour was concentrated on relief work in Europe. We have sent out about a ton and a half of clothing to the most needy families in Displaced Persons' camps. Our funds have run very low, and families where there is extreme suffering, children with tuberculosis or paralysis, are given the very first consideration. The surplus of supplies I sent to the depot of the Canadian Council of Churches for

European relief. Every single article of the supplies received was sorted out by me personally. I would like to convey our sincere thanks to all the Women's Missionary Society organizations who have contributed so generously such clean useful clothing for the relief of Europe.

This year following the established custom, groups of carollers visited every member of the congregation, and others, during the Christmas season. It is assumed by our people, members and non-members alike, that Mrs. Fesenko must always be one of the group. The people whom we visited were glad to share in the contributions toward the church's need.

The usual duties of the deaconess were attended to with diligence. We feel that God was very good to us, and that the work prospered. The friendliness and sympathetic consideration of our needs by the Council of the Women's Missionary Society is greatly appreciated. We never felt that we were alone in this work, but that a great Church organization was behind our efforts.

"The Missionary Movement . . . the Centre and Life of the Church"

AT the Canadian Overseas Missions Council Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, stressed the great need for Missions to become such a part of our Church's work that every man, woman and child interested in the continuance of Christian life and liberties, could realize that whole support of the movement was ''the Church's only hope''.

Reviewing the highlights of the missionary conference in the past fifty years, Dr. Diffendorfer placed before the Council a question: has our faith that the whole world would ultimately be Christ's, given us a sense of security to the extent that the missionary movement has been left on the edge of things? He went on to describe events and ideas which he saw and learned at three world missionary meetings. At Jerusalem in 1928, the delegates were on a mountain peak of emotional experience. World War I was well over. The world was righting itself nicely. Their satisfaction was shaken somewhat by one of their members who pointed out to them that while they were being satisfied—science was doing a job of helping humans obtain their material needs. The war had been won by scientific implements. The Soviet Republic was being established on a purely scientific basis—

and because they believed in the power of Science, they were ignoring the Church and calling it an opiate. In Russia, Science was solving health, literary and mechanical problems and it was creating progress.

"Not much happened after Jerusalem", stated Dr. Diffendorfer. The delegates went back to perfect their own Church growth—and Missions was left until that could be accomplished. The meeting in Madras came next. The delegates again were talking of perfection in the Church. It was Reverend Stanley Jones who wanted to know why the Church wasn't studying the world and its needs. Then came Amsterdam in 1948. There the younger churches kept showing the conference delegates just what it meant to be in close contact with the non-Christian world.

Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer

"We are faced with a challenge to our whole position. Great scholars and leaders of the Church are seeing that when the missionary enterprise is being challenged, our whole Christian way of life is being challenged."

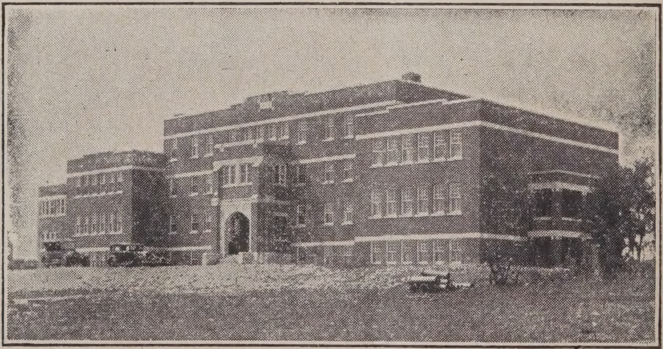
Dr. Diffendorfer made practical use of his reflections on the days gone by, by telling the Council how his Church is planning to give foreign missions a larger place in the Church activity. He criticized all Churches for the low percentage of mission givings. Many people, he stated, were giving a penny, or less a week to the missionary funds. He knew that the duplex envelopes weighed more heavily toward individual Church giving than to missions. There are Churches which are putting more money into music than they are giving to missions. The plan of the Methodist Church is to place materials in the hands of their people—materials which will state the needs of each field—both material and personal, and allow the individual mission organizations to choose which part of the work they will support. "Thus," stated the speaker, "the Church itself is sponsoring the mission work, not the Mission Boards. It will be the whole Church giving itself to the whole task of winning the world for Christ."

"No Shoddy Workmanship"

OUR Indian Schools in Western Canada constantly show in their reports that they are doing a splendid job in training their young charges to take their places in a Christian way in our land. There were several things which interested us from the reports recently read from the schools. We are passing them on to you that you can be up-to-date on what is going on there.

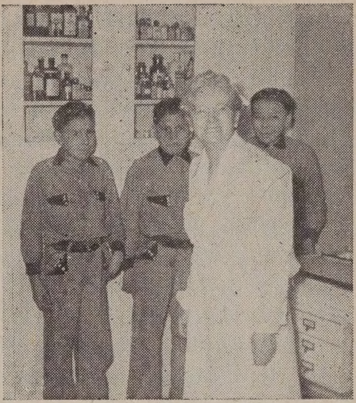
We have already given you the letter which told of the two girls from Birtle who had the opportunity to go to Winnipeg as a result of completing a course in Household Science (*Glad Tidings,* February, page 47). You might be interested to know that the boys have done things too. We quote from Mr. Rusaw's report: "We have a qualified Manual Training Instructor who conducts classes each week for the boys from the senior classroom in woodwork. Many very fine articles from wood were made by the boys during these classes. Seven articles exhibited at Brandon Exhibition were prize winners and some at Portage La Prairie Exhibition. The senior group built a chicken range shelter during the warmer weather when they could work outside. This building is a useful one for the fowl on range. Several of the stands, desks, tables, lamps, etc., were retained in the building as furnishings and the remainder of the articles sold to anxious buyers."

Nelson Tanner has had a popular following for several years now. We are glad to know that he is continuing studies and is now in grade ten. Three girls are also taking high school work at Birtle High School. "These four students live at the school but attend the High School in Birtle", writes Mr. Rusaw. "Each takes a lunch kit and walks down and back every day. These children are very popular



Birtle Indian Residential School

with the white students and their teachers. All take an active part in the social activities of the High School and Nelson is active in town sports as well. On two occasions the High School has sponsored public functions and each time Mrs. Rusaw and I received complimentary tickets. On such occasions we feel it our duty towards the children to attend so they are able to participate in the social life of their school work as well as the academic.'' ''The annual school sports for all schools in the Birtle district were held on June 7th in Birtle. There were over a thousand children in attendance. Each school lined up in the morning at the town hall and paraded to the sports ground for the races. Our school captured the first prize for the parade. The judges stated it was an easy decision to make as they paraded by, all in step and line. They received a big applause from the crowds on the streets as they marched past led by one of the senior boys. They lost out in all the foot races but the junior boys won the softball in their age group.''



Miss Carruthers in dispensary at Cecilia Jeffrey.

The Indian children are trained and allowed to play as many games as possible. ''During the winter both sexes enjoy skating to music on the rink. All the boys and all the girls except a number of the smallest are fitted with skates. We are short a number of pairs of small sized skates for these little girls who are so anxious to learn to skate. The boys are excellent skaters and the girls have improved remarkably.'' (You will recall that in our March *Glad Tidings* we asked for unused skates to be sent to the Indian School at Birtle.) ''For the boys there is no game to compare with hockey. During the winter season three hockey teams are coached and trained. They played a number of games last winter and won most of them. Several times they have been out, the opposing teams have served refreshments after the game. It gives the boys a chance to get out among white children and when they are playing hockey we have no discipline problems with them. We find most of our problems arise during fall freeze-up and spring thaw when outside sport is impossible.''

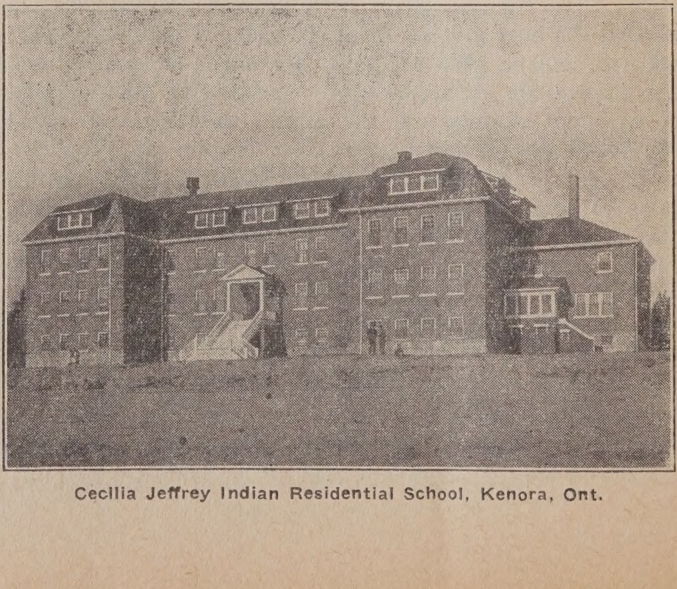
As in other years, the sewing rooms and the vegetable gardens yielded splendid results—and it is easy to see from the amount of food and clothing made right at the school that the staff and students are very busy with the practical things essential in everyday life.

Both school reports mention the training in first aid, instruction in health and in personal hygiene. Mr. Ross writes: ''Here under Miss Carruthers' able direction the senior girls receive practical training in dealing with injuries, and they learn much of value in personal hygiene. By her care and perseverance another year has seen potential sanatorium patients restored to good health from the ''tempo'' list. But for Miss Carruthers more than one member of staff would have required hospitalization during the year. Visiting Indians have also received care and attention from our nurse.''

The boys at Cecilia Jeffery receive practical training in looking after the livestock under the guidance of the farm manager, Mr. Frost. They also learn maintenance skills from the school engineer Mr. Crowley, who Mr. Ross writes, teaches: ''that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. He has no use for shoddy workmanship.''

''The flower gardens and lawns were well worth seeing. Cars were driving through every day throughout July and August. Many visitors called to see through the school and many of the Birtle people brought their guests here when they were showing them places of interest.''

The Sunday service and Church mid-week activities are not neglected. Mr. Rusaw writes of the schedule at Birtle. ''The Indian



Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont.

children are as much if not more interested in the Christian religion as the whites. They have hearts that can enter into the deep things of God. Several children have united with the Church in full Communion and more are prepared to join in the coming year. Chapel Service is attended by all on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Since the first of September the Reverend J. Marnoch of Elphinstone has taken charge of the Sunday evening services every other Sunday. His appointment as School chaplain has given all a deeper interest. The girls' choir contributes to the service with anthems and solos. Sunday School is held each Sunday morning. The children are divided into classes with staff members teaching the senior groups and the High School students and the grade eight students teaching the juniors. Two C.G.I.T. groups of girls met bi-weekly throughout the term under the leadership of two lady staff members as also did the juniors in Mission Band.''

From Cecilia Jeffrey School Mr. Ross writes: ''The school day begins with prayer and Bible reading in the classrooms. Evening services are held in the Chapel on Wednesday and Friday, and two services and Sunday School on Sunday. Visiting Indians often join in these times of worship. When the children go to bed they all join in prayers in the dormitories. Senior pupils attend evening service in Kenora on Sundays, sometimes walking both ways. A few older girls have attended Young People's meetings in our Kenora Church and it is intended that they be encouraged to join.''

"The Mirror"

Lord of all beauty, give me grace,
In this new spring to see Thy face.
Give me a heart serene and still
To look on loveliness my fill,
Catch drops of colour, silver sound,
The growing rapture of the ground;
Keep and reflect them all my days,
So that my life becomes Thy praise.

—Vivyen Bremner,
from *The Spectator*, June 4, 1948.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, in whom all spirits live here, hereafter, and forever, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us. Since Thou hast given us this hope, purify us and make us worthy of its promise. Search us and cleanse us of all that is unholy and untrue, that we may live in the full consciousness of Thy presence and enjoy hourly the sweetness of communion and fellowship with Thyself.

Our Heavenly Father who turnest the shadow of death into morning by the glorious resurrection of Thy Son with power from the grave, we thank Thee that Thou hast answered the questions that haunt us betimes, the longings that make us pensive, the partings that leave us forlorn. Teach us the mighty truth that we live in Thee, in whom there is no death, no darkness, but only life for evermore. Impress upon our souls that within the shadows of life there is a Love greater than we can think or know, and that it hath in its keeping all that concerns us in our mortal years. Grant that this vision may grow in our hearts and abide until we ourselves see Thee face to face.

O God, by whom all souls live, and to whom alone is known the meaning and the mystery of suffering and bereavement, we commend to Thine undying love those who walk in loneliness and sadness of spirit. Grant that all things may conspire to make them sure of Thee, and on this day of days, when the hearts of men exult with heavenly joy, may the power of our Lord's resurrection possess their souls with hope. Let Thy love guide the bereaved amid the shadows of time, and let Thy Spirit turn their sorrow into prayer.

Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy Son's Church. Visit Thy Church with Thy grace and heavenly wisdom. Grant that in it charity may flourish and truth abound. We pray for its peace that it may be the peacemaker of the world, and accomplish Thy work of peace. Give Thy Church a wider vision, a deeper knowledge, a greater strength, a more discerning insight, so that, as it extends its borders throughout the whole world, the Risen Lord may be glorified.

Forgive us, O Lord, if too close we lean our human hearts on Thee. In Thy loving-kindness we trust, content to labour on, doing the will of Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think. Unto Him be glory in our lives and in the Church of all ages, world without end. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Notes from the Canadian Overseas Missions Council

PRESBYTERIANS who took a leading part in making the Council's annual meeting a success were *Dr. W. A. Cameron,* Secretary of the Board of Missions, who was its chairman and who presided at all seven sessions. *Mrs. Arthur W. Pae,* President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), who spoke on effective missionary deputation work from the viewpoint of the women in the Church. *Miss Louise A. Reith,* Secretary-Treasurer, of the Literature Department, who took part in a panel discussion outlining plans for the work next season, telling of the studies which are being planned and prepared; *Reverend A. Gordon Faraday,* who led the panel discussion on ''What are we going to do about Missionary Education this fall''.

In a general survey of all the denominations who co-operate in the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, it was noted that our denomination is taking a large share of the whole work being done by Canadian Churches. This is merely an observation—it is not a matter about which we can be over satisfied. Dr. Cameron in telling of our work stated that our Church had felt it could not refuse the need which had called it to continue mission work in all of its five fields: India, China, Formosa, British Guiana and Japan.

Greetings to a Pioneer

THE Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada wishes to add their congratulations to many others which have poured in to the home of Mrs. Christina Mills, Prince Albert. Mrs. Mills recently celebrated her 86th birthday.

''Mrs. Christina Mills' lifetime coincides almost exactly with the historic span of Prince Albert for she came here in August, 1866, with the founding party led by the Reverend James Nisbet, Presbyterian missionary. She is the only surviving member of the group.

Only a child of three when she arrived with her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. John MacKay who were also missionaries, Mrs. Mills does not recall that far away August day more than 82 years ago when the partly landed. But, among her earliest recollections are the log dwelling houses comprising the mission station.''

Mrs. Mills has watched the growth of the city of Prince Albert and the surrounding areas. She has watched, too, the growth of the mission station from a log dwelling to a brick edifice which is St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Here again is evidence of the place the missionary has in the growth of a nation.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

THE problem of illiteracy and of providing suitable reading material for the newly literate is one of which people generally are becoming more and more conscious. Many enjoyed the book THE SILENT BILLION SPEAK in which Dr. Frank Laubach told how he evolved his method of teaching illiterates to read and therefore will be interested in another book by the same author entitled TEACHING THE WORLD TO READ.

The truth of the statement, ''The illiterate half of the world presents us with our most challenging and thrilling opportunity—to mold the future by preparing the literature that will shape the ideals and the very thoughts of these millions of people,'' becomes more and more apparent as we peruse the pages of TEACHING THE WORLD TO READ.

This book has been rightly described as ''a pioneer book in a new and strategically important field'' for in it Dr. Laubach explains how modern mass attacks on illiteracy are organized and carried on. In it the problem of illiteracy is presented and the value of literacy campaigns considered; literacy campaigns as they have been carried on in Japan, India, Africa, Latin America, Turkey, Thailand, the Philippines, China and Russia are outlined; the techniques and methods used in teaching adults to read are given; emphasis is placed upon the spiritual side of such campaigns, the attitudes of the teachers being a vitally important factor.

TEACHING THE WORLD TO READ is truly a ''Handbook for Literacy Campaigns'' for in it for the first time in one volume the author tells how a spoken language is reduced to writing; how picture-word-syllable literacy charts are made in various languages; how teachers are taught to help illiterate adults; how communities organize their resources to staff, finance and popularize a campaign and how word lists and literature are prepared for new literates.

While this book will be of particular interest to people engaged in literacy work it is very readable and is ''good reading for anyone interested in the spreading of literacy and in the development of cultural opportunities for the world's peoples.'' Indeed it should be of interest to all of us, for, as Dr. Laubach says, ''As a matter of fact, lifting the illiterates into the stage of literacy and helping them to a new, more abundant life will in the long run be not only a beautiful, Christlike thing to do, but also it is enlightened selfishness for the whole Christian world. It will return to bless ourselves, our children, and our children's children.''

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

LAST year on our Auxiliary Page we set out the duties of Auxiliary Officers. This year we aim to offer some suggestions and plans that have been tried with a measure of success. We hope you will share yours through the page with other Auxiliaries.

This is the story of what was done in one congregation. It was a joint effort on the part of all the women's organizations, with the aim that every woman in the congregation would be connected actively or in association with one or more of the women's organizations. A letter was sent to every woman, setting out the different organizations and explaining the purpose of each, and expressing the hope that every woman would feel it a privilege and a responsibility to become identified with the life and work of the church. This was followed by a canvass of the women by representatives of the organized groups mentioned. Cards were supplied to the canvassers to make records that would be useful to each organization in follow-up work. The results of this effort were highly satisfactory. One new group was organized and the existing groups added considerably to their membership.

If any further information is required, we would be glad to supply it.

''Handbook for Officers''—Synodical, Presbyterial and Auxiliary.

This booklet is in the hands of the printer and we hope will soon be ready for distribution.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Montreal Chinese Presbyterian Church

Article III.

THERE were very few Chinese in Canada previous to the year 1882. It was in that year that the Canadian Pacific Railway brought about 2,000 Chinese men to Canada to work on the railway. When the work was completed, most of these men chose to remain in Canada, and since then many more have come to our shores, so that the population, including men, women and children, is now something like 30,000, with the men very much in the majority. The Presbyterian Church in Canada through the years has sought to bring the Gospel to as many of these people as possible, and now has organized work in four centres where there are the greatest numbers of Chinese—Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. We also have a share in interdenominational work in Ottawa and Calgary, and volunteer workers assist in other centres as well.

The purpose of our work with the Chinese has always been a twofold one—first, to bring the Gospel to the Chinese people, and second, to help to bring about a better understanding between them and Occidentals. In the four large centres, the work follows much the same pattern, under the direction of a Chinese minister, a Chinese woman worker and one or two Canadian women workers. The women workers are all under the Women's Missionary Society. The Society also has a share in the expenses of operating three of the four missions.

The work in Montreal was begun away back in 1872 by the father of the present minister with a class of men anxious to learn English and willing to listen to the Gospel message. The work grew, and until recent years, when there has been very little immigration, Chinese men attended Bible classes in large numbers in various churches. There they learned the English language, the main textbook being the Bible. Many of the men became Christian, and in 1902 a mission was started in South China largely through the interest of one of these Bible classes in Montreal, whose members were anxious to bring the Gospel to their families in China and to follow up those who had returned to China. The men here are still sending their contributions to this South China Mission. For some years now there has been organized mission work in Montreal.

Underlying all of our activities is the purpose which is outlined above. Church and Sunday School services are held every Sunday. A Kindergarten for children of pre-school age is conducted during weekday afternoons by Mrs. Louie and me. Both Chinese and English are taught to these children, and in addition to handcraft, games, music and so on, the children learn Bible stories, verses and hymns. In repeating these at home, as children do, they themselves are little missionaries. A Chinese School is conducted by the minister, the Reverend Paul Chan, after day school, when the boys and girls learn to write Chinese. Very often their lessons include Bible verses and hymns. The Kindergarten and Chinese School are important in themselves, but they are really a means to an end, for not only do they give the workers a point of contact with the homes, but the girls and boys are our most faithful Sunday School scholars. Mrs. Louie also has a Chinese class for older girls, while I teach English to some of the recent arrivals from China. We have a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary once a month, and a club for boys and girls who meet once a week for handcraft and stories. Some of the children have music lessons during the week, and in the summer they attend Vacation Bible School. A choir of young people sings on special occasions. Visiting is a very important phase of our work. It presents the opportunity of telling the Gospel message to the Chinese people, many of whom speak little or no English. Mrs. Louie and Mr. Chan are able also to give help that is much appreciated in times of trouble, and when language difficulties arise in the personal affairs of the people.

In Vancouver and Victoria, the Chinese have their own church buildings. In Toronto and Montreal they are not so fortunate and at present are using rented quarters that are not adequate for the work. However, in Montreal we expect that work will be started almost immediately on our new building, although we still need quite a bit of money in order to complete it. The Women's Missionary Society has given a substantial donation towards the cost of building. In Montreal, ours is the only Protestant work among the Chinese. What a great privilege and opportunity are ours! Each member of the Women's Missionary Society has a share in this challenging work.

—*Muriel Judd.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

Walking With Jesus

IT is the sincere desire of each of us to enter fully into the joy and the new life which comes at Easter time. Easter brings to us as Christian people the message of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is familiar to all of us. We should, however, ask ourselves whether our joy and our new life comes to us because we are certain that Christ is Risen and because we know that He is with us today. Let us read the message of what Easter meant to two of His disciples as it is written in St. Luke 24: 13-35. Perhaps we shall understand what it means to be with or without Jesus in our life.

It was on the first Easter Day when two followers of Jesus set out for the town of Emmaus, between seven and eight miles north of the city of Jerusalem. They did not belong to the original band of twelve disciples and we have no way of knowing how long they had been disciples of Jesus. We know this, at least, that they had been with Jesus for a sufficient time that their trust and their hopes were set in Him that He should be the Redeemer of their people. The events of the past week, ending in the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, had brought confusions and doubts into their minds and their faces revealed the sadness which was in their hearts.

As they walked, they talked over again and again the events which they had witnessed in the life of Jesus and they rehearsed many times the words which He had spoken to them in private. The meaning of His words had been quite clear to them. There could be no doubt about the fact that He ‘‘was a prophet mighty in word and deed before God and all the people’’. But the events of the past week seemed to have spoiled their hopes.

It was while they were in this confusion and sadness that Jesus joined them. He listened to their story with sympathetic understanding. But they didn’t recognize Him, even though several of their friends had brought them word that He was alive. Jesus began to scold them and their companions for their unbelief. He took their own Scriptures and showed them how the whole teaching of the Bible foretold all that had happened. It was plain that God had not left them without abundant evidence and witness of all these things. The way of God’s working and His plan of salvation were clear if they had received His Word and believed Him. Jesus was right when He said that they ‘‘were slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken’’.

Reaching Emmaus Jesus stopped to have a meal with them and in the simple act of blessing the food and breaking the bread, they recognized Him. With the realization that He was still with them, that He was alive and not dead, their sorrow was turned immediately into gladness, their whole world was changed, and they returned quickly to Jerusalem to tell the others the good news. This time on the road they were not broken, disheartened and confused with heavy and sad steps. Rather they were strong again and they walked as conquerors in the triumph of their new discovery and new faith.

Somewhere you and I are on this same Emmaus road. Either we are going away from the City of God with sadness and confusion in our life because we have not taken God at His Word and believed all that He has done for us in Jesus. Or we are walking towards the City of God with strong confident footsteps because we have believed God and we know that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour, alive forevermore. His Resurrection makes this great difference.

—Reverend James S. Clarke.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

"At this happy Easter time
When the earth is new
Other children round the world
Sing their praises too."

"ARE you home Mother?" called Leslie as she closed the door behind her and dropped her school bag in the hall.

"In the kitchen dear!" said Mother.

It was a beautiful spring day; a warm breeze blew in the kitchen window where Mrs. Duncan was rolling out cookie dough. Leslie, her daughter was 10 years old, with fair hair and sparkling blue eyes. As she came into the kitchen Leslie exclaimed:

"Oh Mum, I found the first hepaticas, peeping through the dry leaves down by the creek—look aren't they lovely?" "And here are some fluffy pussy-willows, too, and I heard a Killdeer calling, and I'm *sure* I saw a Kingfisher as I came over the bridge" "Oh boy, spring is really a grand time!" "I just love spring!"

"My goodness" laughed Mrs. Duncan, "you are almost breathless, sit down and have a peanut-butter cookie."

"Yes Leslie" she continued, "I agree spring is a joyous time. Nature is going through a re-newing process. The flowers push new shoots through the bare earth. Birds return and busily prepare nests for baby birds that will soon be hatched. Trees are putting forth buds of various colours—the silver gray of the Willows, the red buds on the Maples and the green shoots on the syringa bush. The warm sunshine is full of promise to man and beast alike. Yes, there is a real newness of life on every side. Very soon we will see mother duck proudly taking her new ducklings for a sail down the creek. If you walk carefully and keep out of the wind you may be able to surprise mother groundhog sunning her babies—but she has a keen sense of smell and will scamper into her hole if she knows of your approach. The wheat that Grandpa planted last fall is waving green and it promises flour for the Autumn."

"Yes, my dear little daughter, spring *is* a happy time. But there is another promise that always comes to me in the spring—the promise of Easter. That is the time when we rejoice anew in the Resurrection story. It was in the springtime that Jesus was crucified, and on the third day He rose again from the dead—God's promise to us of a new life after death. The autumn of old age must come our way, but even as spring-time comes with new life to bird and field and flower so the Easter season ever brings with it promise of life anew to all God's children.''

There was silence in the kitchen for a moment except for the soft crunch of cookies, and then Leslie said, ''Thank you, Mum for showing me what we should be *especially* joyous about in the spring.''

—M.F.

Toronto and Kingston Synodical Corresponding Secretary

A new Corresponding Secretary is temporarily serving the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston. She is MISS LUNDIA MCBETH, 307 TWEEDSMUIR AVE., APT. 3, TORONTO 10. This appointment has been made necessary by the very sudden death of Mrs. John Williams.

New Organizations

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—Margaret Ramsay Young Women's Auxiliary, Knox Church, Leamington. Pres., Mrs. Marie Milkins; Treas., Miss Laura Hutchins; Sec., Miss Velma Carder, 90 Wigle St.

London Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. Group, Elmwood Church, London. Leader, Mrs. S. W. Gentle, 70 Becher St.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. BARLOW, 149 W. 5TH ST.,
NORTH VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

KOOTENAY Presbyterial — A missionary service, conducted by the newly formed Evening Auxiliary, was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kimberley. The Explorer Group and the Mission Band took part in the meeting. Lantern slides of the work of our Church among the Canadian Indians were shown and explained by Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess, who formerly worked among these people but who is now serving in the Kimberley district.

Westminster Presbyterial—The 35th annual Presbyterial meeting was held February 8th in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver. Opening devotions were led by Mrs. D. A. Smith and Mrs. E. Fox. The departmental reports which followed were most satisfactory not only from a financial viewpoint but also because each department showed that keen interest was being taken in its particular work. The treasurer reported that the allocation was exceeded. A splendid address ''Facing the Future'' was given by the Reverend W. D. G. Hollingsworth. Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, was introduced and assured the Presbyterial that she would be ready to help and co-operate at all times in the work. Mrs. W. J. McFadden, retiring Presbyterial President, expressed appreciation of her co-workers, and repeated her favourite text ''In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.'' Mrs. M. Clifford, is the new President. At the supper meeting the speaker was the Reverend Murdo Pollock who told of his work in the Fraser Valley. Greetings were brought from Synod, Presbytery, Synodical Society and the Presbyterian Young People's Association. Films were shown by Mr. R. Conn. The Reverend D. A. Smith gave a fine address on the Chinese work across Canada. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, installed the officers, and the Reverend H. A. Berlis pronounced the benediction bringing to a close a most profitable and interesting annual meeting.

At a recent Auxiliary meeting at Fairview Church, Vancouver, the Reverend D. A. Smith was guest speaker. In graphic language he expressed how worthwhile the Chinese Kindergarten work has been and is being. The tiny people in our kindergartens are Christ's ambassadors who grow up to be young people who do remain Christians.

At the first meeting of the year, Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, had Mrs. G. S. Barber install the officers for the coming year. A short memorial service was held in honour of the late Mrs. M. Potter who was a life member of the Society.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary. Mrs. R. J. Edgar presided and gave a resume of the year's work. Among the reports was the treasurer's showing that the 1948 allocation had been met and exceeded.

Miss Athalie Read was the speaker at the one-day rally. She described the work being done in the Peace River country and expressed the opinion that there was great opportunity for mission service in Northern Alberta districts.

The Reverend M. A. Mark, assistant Superintendent of Western Missions was the speaker at the evening session. He outlined the need of workers in the home mission field and cited district after district where there were areas ''unchurched''.

''Too often we listen to reports. They sound good and we are smug and complacent and all the while we are not doing the work of the Church in Canada which has such a zeal and history for missions.''

Mr. Mark felt too there was ignorance on the part of the members on the general affairs of the Church. He wondered how many were aware of the business of the General Assembly in Canada. The passing of an allocation was only the duty of the Women's Missionary Society but if they fell short of it then it was a shame. Only in exceeding allocations considerably can the work of missions be expanded and carried on.

The evening devotions were conducted by Grace Church Young Women's Auxiliary. The Reverend R. J. Burton, O.B.E., brought greetings from the Synod.

The Elizabeth Rae Evening Auxiliary, Grace Church, Calgary, held their annual meeting in the church parlours. The meeting started with a banquet followed by devotions and the installation of officers.

On Sunday evening January 16th in Grace Church, Calgary, Dr. Morley spoke on missions and representatives of the different missionary organizations in the church took part in the service. An outline was given of the History of the Societies, their membership, work and aims, they also stressed how important this work was to the church. Those giving papers were Mrs. J. H. Moors for the Senior Auxiliary, Miss Grace Hillocks for the Evening Auxiliary and Miss Margaret Bailey for the Young Women's Auxiliary.

Edmonton Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting was held in First Church, Edmonton, on January 31st. Our allocation was exceeded by a goodly sum. An Honorary Life Membership from Paris Presbyterial was given to Mrs. J. Kelman, who is now installed as President of the Presbyterial. Mrs. C. Oscroft, the retiring president, who has served so faithfully and efficiently for eight years, was presented with a gift from the members. Miss Athalie Read was the principal speaker, describing as ''encouraging'' a journey she had taken through the Peace River country during the summer. Her topic was ''On These Foundations We Build'', referring to the work of the Reverend Forbes, Mrs. Stevens, and other missionaries. Grande Prairie Church was named after the Reverend Forbes.

At Flying Shot, Mrs. Tissington operated a Sunday School by post. Bear Lake is one of the most encouraging places. At Blueberry Mountain newly arrived families from Holland were welcomed by Mrs. R. Macdonald with true Canadian hospitality, thus creating a great opportunity for a Presbyterian foundation. Sunday School by post reaches the children of Rycroft and Wanham; and workers come from work shifts to attend service at Smith's Mills. C.G.I.T. groups at this point come from a radius of thirty miles. Dixonville, a most interesting field, needs help to build or repair its church. It is in a position on the nearly completed Grimshaw and Yellowknife highway, to bring the Presbyterian Church close to those who pass that way. Out from Wanham there are new settlements on veterans' land areas where Mrs. Cameron conducts Sunday School by post. There is a great future in Wanham. At the evening session a sound film entitled ''My Name is Han'' was shown.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The Presbyterial met for its annual meeting on January 28th. Miss Starrett, deaconess, led in worship. Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, was present to assist with information regarding the duties of the secretaries. All reports showed an increase, except *The Glad Tidings* and this year we expect to exceed the number. The financial report showed a big increase over the amount of the allocation. A good representation of all groups was present and the ladies left saying it had been one of the best Presbyterial meetings they had ever attended. The spirit of the meeting was good and the fellowship deep and sincere.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—The missionary cause of the Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan lost one of its most faithful workers on February 10th when Mrs. D. M. Craig passed to her eternal rest at her home in Moose Jaw. Born in Scotland, Mrs. Craig came to Canada with her parents in 1882, settling at Kenmore, Ontario. She came West to Moose Jaw in 1914 and has lived there ever since. Mrs. Craig's zeal for her Church was the thing one remembers most about her. She was a representative at the Church Union meeting held in Toronto, June 10th, 1925 and her enthusiasm of that time has never waned. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and Honorary President of the Knox Church Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, of which she had served twelve years as President. She had also been Presbyterial President for six years. Her long experience and wise counsel will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Craig, a daughter and the grandchildren.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — The Presbyterial held its 35th annual meeting in Tisdale on Wednesday and Thursday, January 19th and 20th with the President, Mrs. C. C. Downing presiding. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, attended the meeting as a representative of Council Executive. The theme for the meeting this year was: ''Witnessing to God's Word''. Devotions were conducted by groups from Melfort, Tisdale and Meath Park. Reports were heard from each department, with Miss Walker in commentary, giving helpful criticism and advice. In summing up the work of the past year, the president said that while there had been disappointment, there had been advances. The financial allocation should be undertaken as a privilege rather than a burden. No where in the world are people freer to decide what they shall and shall not do than in Canada. However, money is not the main aim of our Women's Missionary Society. If we grow in grace and understanding and in love, then allocations will grow of their own accord and will no longer be a burden. Mrs. C. C. Downing was again elected to the Presidency, Mrs. A. F. McSween of Melfort, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. F. Glazier of Tisdale, Recording Secretary. Miss Walker gave an inspiring closing message and conducted the installation of officers. The Reverend I. McKee pronounced the benediction.

Regina Presbyterial had a most encouraging annual meeting January 27th. The day was cold and stormy, but the attendance was better than for some years. The reports of all the secretaries were encouraging and all organizations went over their allocation. The theme ''Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord'' and ''Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward'' was carried out in the devotions of Mrs. John Shaw and Miss Ruby Walker. Mrs. George Samson gave a most stirring report on the regional conference following the Columbus Assembly of the Foreign Missions Conference, which had been held in Winnipeg November 1st and 2nd, 1948, to which she was a delegate from Regina Presbyterial. The principal guest speaker was Mr. David Forbes, Stoughton, lately come to Canada from City Mission Work in Belfast, Ireland. He was most urgent in his appeal for sacrifice, money, effort and prayer to bring the Scripture to the whole world. About eighty partook of the supper served in the lecture hall. The Reverend N. D. Kennedy brought greetings from Presbytery and Mrs. Kelly, Synodical President, from the Synodical, expressing the hope that the young people would be ready to take the place of the older people who are now carrying the burden.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON Presbyterial's 35th annual meeting was held in First Church, Brandon, on January 27th. The President, Mrs. John McLeod, presided. Mrs. R. A. Hamlin conducted the devotions. Delegates were present from outside points despite the extreme cold and bad roads. Secretaries who were unable to attend owing to weather conditions had sent in their reports which were read by the Corresponding Secretary. Fifteen reports which were given or read revealed faithful work and an increase in nearly every department. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. H. McKay gave an interesting report compiled from the Auxiliary Annual Reports. There is a total membership of 356, an increase over that of the previous year.

Mrs. J. F. Leslie, Recording Secretary, gave a short summary of the various Executive meetings which were held throughout the year, including the Presbyterial Summer Rally held at Neepawa in June. Mrs. J. J. Thompson, Young Women's Secretary, told of the activities of four very enthusiastic groups at Neepawa, Wellwood, Hartney and a new one ''The Ladies Guild'' organized this year at Portage la Prairie. Mrs. H. J. B. McDonald, treasurer, reported an increase in total receipts over that of the previous year. The Supply allocation had also been reached. Mrs. John Manson, Supply Secretary, has received many letters of thanks for the splendid bales containing warm clothing, quilts and Christmas gifts, sent from the Auxiliaries through this department to the Indian Reserves and Indian Schools.

The Children's Secretary, Mrs. Fred McKay, sent a most encouraging report. There are eleven Mission Bands. One Mission Band at Wellwood, with 77 members had an average attendance of 69. Mrs. Turner of Wellwood, Library and Exchange Secretary, reported a large number of Church periodicals, Sunday School papers and good magazines had been distributed to hospitals, sanitariums, Homes for the Aged and Shut-ins. Ten papers were mailed out through the Exchange Department. Our historian, Mrs. M. Mowatt, gave us many interesting items in connection with our Church life. She told of the Lenore congregation laying the new cornerstone for their church in August, 1948. Their first one was built in 1903 and burned in 1943; most of the funds for the new one had been received before the cornerstone was laid.

Greetings from Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President, and from sister Presbyterials in Manitoba Synodical were read. It was decided to hold the Presbyterial Summer Rally in Brandon in June.

Mrs. John McLeod, re-elected president, thanked the members for the honour conferred upon her and in speaking of the great responsibility of each member she said: "You know 'a chain is only as strong as its weakest link', so that I feel that our first aim should be to unite our women in prayer, and that each of our members should try to live in such a way that we might live up to our high motto '*The World for Christ*'." The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Joseph Boyle.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — Under the auspices of the Presbyterial a Service of Prayer and Worship was held in First Church Assembly Hall, Winnipeg, on Friday January 21st with Mrs. G. W. Bradley presiding. The theme was "The Renewal of Strength". The guest speaker, Mrs. A. Walker, spoke of the expectancy of worshippers to have their prayers answered immediately, when we should be the ones who wait on Him. Mrs. J. Hutchison, leader of St. John's Mission Band was soloist. Representatives from eight Presbyterian Churches attended.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM Presbyterial—Miss Isabel McConnell, addressing the January meeting of the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, reminded her hearers that "The Church at home holds the ropes; a missionary often has been helped over a hard place because someone has been praying." A lovely card made by the native children in the school at Amkhut, India, and sent by Miss Ellen Douglas, was shown at the January meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor. At the February meeting of the Auxiliary, a leading Chinese Christian was quoted as having said: "Many have realized that the nation is desperately in need of help and guidance which can be supplied by Christianity alone." At the February meeting of the Duart Auxiliary Mrs. D. B. Cram spoke on China.

"The war years proved that the Christian Chinese were firm in the faith; they knew in whom they believed and were not afraid. They had found that there is hope in Christianity because it has a living Lord, Jesus Christ," concluded Mrs. Wallace Burns in reviewing a portion of *Enter China* at the February meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor.

Hamilton Presbyterial's annual meeting was held January 18th and 19th in Erskine Church, Hamilton. All reports showed that the women of the Presbyterial continue to increase their support of the enlarging missionary work of the Church. The allocation was exceeded. Miss Isabel McConnell was the speaker on Tuesday evening, telling of her work among the Bhils. Miss McConnell stated that she believed that there has never been such an opportune time as the present to fulfil Christ's great commission to preach the Gospel to all peoples. She pointed to the responsibility in this regard, of every Christian.

Mrs. T. K. Chiu, of the Church of Christ in China, now working in Toronto, spoke on Tuesday afternoon, telling of her work in the new mission field of Kienshui, South Yunnan. Mrs. D. S. Pitts, who was formerly matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora, spoke on Wednesday afternoon and gave a very interesting and instructive address on the work of our Women's Missionary Society on the

Indian Reserves. An Honorary Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. S. M. Gordon, Young Women's Secretary.

A unique ceremony took place at the February meeting of the Mary McKenzie Grant Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, when Mrs. J. E. Clare received the Life Membership Pin which had belonged to her mother, the late Mrs. J. McCaig. Mrs. Clare, who succeeds Mrs. D. A. Wilson as Corresponding Secretary for Hamilton Presbyterial, was also presented with a Life Membership certificate by the Auxiliary.

The newly formed C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, under the leadership of Misses M. Carnegie and L. Park, recently were guests of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries at a ''Mother and Daughter'' banquet. Mrs. C. R. Farnan, as guest speaker gave a very comprehensive talk on ''The Programme of the C.G.I.T.''.

The Margaret Annesley Johnson Auxiliary of Calvin Church, Hamilton, celebrated their 10th anniversary in February. Mrs. W. A. Burbidge gave a most interesting talk on her life as the wife of a missionary in Korea. The members enjoyed seeing Mrs. Burbidge's display of native Korean costumes. Tea was served and the ceremony of cutting the birthday cake was graciously performed by Mrs. Annesley Johnson.

Maitland Presbyterial—At the December meeting of the Langside Auxiliary Mrs. Peter Moffat, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented Mrs. Neil McDonald with a Life Membership certificate. Mrs. R. Scott gave a brief address. The Reverend Sutherland showed Christmas slides when the Langside Auxiliary entertained the Mission Band in December. Mrs. W. J. Coulter of the Whitechurch Auxiliary was presented recently with a Life Membership certificate, the Reverend Sutherland making the presentation.

Paris Presbyterial—The 10th anniversary of the Helen Young Auxiliary of Paris, was observed on October 14th, 1948, as a ''Family Night'' missionary meeting with members of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries, the Canadian Girls in Training and the Emily Capron Mission Band present. This meeting was well attended by the members of the five missionary groups in the church and each was represented in a special way on the programme which contributed much to the success of this evening of worship and fellowship. A short historical sketch of the Helen Young Auxiliary revealed the fine Christian influence of the late Miss Emily Capron, a member of the congregation whose early influence and guidance promoted the carrying on of missionary work following Mission Band days. To-day the present Mission Band honours her memory as ''The Emily Capron Mission Band''.

The influence of Christianity was impressively visualized in the motion and sound picture of the life of Yesudas, a little native boy of India who broke away from pagan customs and became a Christian preacher and later returned to minister the Gospel to the people and friends of his native village. At the conclusion of the meeting an interesting contest provided an opportunity for the different groups to meet informally and enjoy a social hour, during which time the birthday cake was cut by Mrs. D. Gowdy, the first president and the organizer, ten years ago, of the Helen Young Auxiliary.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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WITH profound regret and deep sorrow we record the passing of our beloved Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Williams. Her tireless enthusiasm, keen vision and dedicated life coupled with her gracious personality make her death a distinct loss to the Women's Missionary Society and especially to this Synodical Society where she will be sorely missed by her many friends and co-workers. We truly thank God for her life and pray that her memory may ever urge us on to greater service for the Master she loved so well. To Mr. Williams we offer our most loving sympathy and pray that God will comfort and sustain him.

The annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held on April 26, 27, 28, 1949, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough. Anyone wishing billets please write the billeting secretary, Mrs. Donald Flett, 576 Stewart St., Peterborough. Information about transportation may be obtained from Mrs. J. Hill, 52 Queen Mary Drive, Toronto 9.

Barrie Presbyterial—At an Executive meeting of the Presbyterial Mrs. D. H. McNabb, treasurer, gave a splendid report stating the allocation was attained. All other reports were exceptionally good and were summed up in a complete report by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William Boult. Mrs. Glenn Thompson, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, brought greetings and reported on the Columbus Assembly, which was the largest Protestant Assembly held in North America in twenty-three years.

Over two hundred members and friends were entertained by the Orillia Auxiliary at their annual supper meeting. At the head table, which was gay with attractively arranged bowls of African violets and with yellow tapers, were the President, Secretary and the speakers—Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. J. A. MacInnis, Synodical and Presbyterial officers, leaders and presidents of affiliated missionary groups and representatives of the missionary groups of the Orillia Churches. Mrs. Pae used as a basis for her talk a verse from Revelation, "Behold I have set before you an open door and no man can shut it". She reviewed briefly the doors through which the Church has already entered and the work being carried on, mentioning St. Margaret's Centre, Toronto, camps and schools for boys and girls, residences for students in University towns. There are open doors in British Guiana, India, China and Japan where there is work for thousands of missionaries. Urgency was the keynote of the address, and the task is not for any one communion but the whole Christian Church. Mrs. Pae asked for constant intercession and urged all to listen to learn God's will.

Kingston Presbyterial — The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville. The treasurer, Miss Mary Nesbitt, reported the allocation had been met and exceeded. The Visual Education and Exchange Departments are to be discontinued. The Corresponding Secretary's Report, read by Mrs. W. H. V. Walker showed a splendid year's work. Madoc Mission Band is the Banner Band and Trenton has a new Band. Mrs. Paul Rumball, who spent twelve years among the Koreans in Japan, spoke to the Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, Madoc, telling of her work there and also in British Guiana.

Peterborough Presbyterial — Representatives of eighteen Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial received inspiration and guidance from the Synodical President, Mrs. Glenn Thompson, who spoke at their meeting, giving a full and interesting report of the Columbus Assembly. Resignations of two faithful secretaries were regretfully accepted. Mrs. J. M. Simpson has been Home Helpers Secretary for twenty-five years and Miss Davidson Life Membership Secretary for twelve years. All sessions were presided over by Mrs. R. N. McCullough of Campbellford, who challenged the members to do all in their power to relieve suffering in the world to-day and to take allegiance to our Society, as Christian women, more seriously. The Rev. C. G. Boyd brought greetings and the assurance of full support from the Presbytery.

Toronto Presbyterial—Special guests at the 35th annual meeting of the Presbyterial held in Knox Church, Toronto, were the Reverend and Mrs. T. K. Chiu of the Church of Christ in China, who told of their work in China in two very inspiring addresses. Mrs. A. S. Curr, Presbyterial President, in her address said, ''All great men and women of this and other ages have been great because they were faithful to some cause to which they dedicated their lives. We must be faithful to our God, to our Church, to our Women's Missionary Society. Our Commission is to give to the world something that it cannot purchase in the markets of men.'' The Reverend W. C. McBride from East Presbytery, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Society and Mrs. Glenn Thompson, President of the Synodical brought greetings. The Reverend Robert Barr gave an inspiring address, taking as his theme ''The Glories of our Commission''. A resolution was passed that the Presbyterial be divided into East and West Presbyterials. This division to take effect in 1950.

The McLaren Mission Band, Brampton, celebrated its sixteenth anniversary late in 1948 at a birthday party held in the church. Mrs. McKechnie, first president of the Band, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the children.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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THE Synodical Sub-Executive met in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, in February. Mrs. Harcourt Emra presided. 1949 reports were presented and passed. Mrs. Emra graciously entertained at luncheon in Chelsea Club, in honour of the delegates.

Montreal Presbyterial—Mrs. R. M. McCleery was elected president at the 35th annual Presbyterial meeting held in Melville Church, Montreal, in February. Miss Margaret Rowat occupied the chair at the afternoon and evening sessions and gave impressions of 1948. Many encouraging reports were presented. Some 15,000 books and magazines have been sent to British Guiana, India and the United Kingdom and to institutions in Canada. At the evening session the Reverend C. Cochrane, minister of Melville Church, conducted the worship service. The Right Reverend C. Ritchie Bell, Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, addressed the large gathering on ''The Spirit of Amsterdam''. At the close of the meeting the Reverend Robert Lennox, M.A., Ph.D., dedicated the new officers.

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Treasurer's Statement

January and February, 1949

RECEIPTS:

A Friend	$ 500.00
Life Membership pins	87.96
Benalto Ladies' Aid	5.00
Wanham Associate Society	9.40
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A Friend, "Home and Foreign Work"	1,000.00
Miss Margaret Kennedy's Work	15.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

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Cecilia Jeffrey	316.64
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Children's Centres, Vancouver, Montreal, Portage la Prairie	1,029.10
Port Work	311.40
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Supplies	1,102.45
Exchange	15.65
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Administration	3,261.77
Deputation	10.78
Insurance	71.85
Christian Literature	771.41
Bhil Field, India	7,400.00
Formosa	450.00
British Guiana	1,375.00
Missionaries' Expenses	1,375.45
Miscellaneous	2,637.20
Candidates	15.00
Missionaries' Personal Accounts	27.06
	$41,009.29

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Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere Residence	$ 75.00
Legacy through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, "Christian Literature, $100., Medical Work, $300."	400.00
Legacy through St. Andrew's Church, Windsor	200.00
Mr. L. A. Wylie, for Ernest Wylie Memorial	100.00
Interest	201.75
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	190.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Refund from Candidate	480.10
A Friend, "Bursaries for Girls in India,"	175.00
"Girls at Ludhiana"	250.00
Interest	248.00

Special Fund—	
Interest	43.75
Pension Fund—	
Transferred from General Fund, on order of Council	2,000.00
Interest	488.75
	$4,852.35

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Special Fund—	
Transferred to General Fund, Workers' Salary and Christian Literature	$ 950.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Fees for Missionaries	11.70
Student at O.A.C.	100.00
Overseas Fund—	
Korean Work in Japan	1,000.00
Legacy Fund—	
Building Chinese Church, Montreal	6,000.00
	$8,061.70

Helen M. Strachan

Treasurer.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY—*Continued from page 174*

The Young Women's Department held its rally the previous evening in the form of a supper. Miss Mary Ferguson presided and Mrs. C. R. Bell spoke on conditions as she found them in Europe.

A very young member (possibly the youngest) of our Society is Isobel Sanzen-Baker, who at the age of six months was recently made a Life Member by her grandmother, Mrs. E. B. Savage of St. Andrew and St. Paul Auxiliary. This Auxiliary was most happy to pay a tribute of affection to Mrs. Daniel J. Fraser by presenting her with an Honorary Membership.

Ottawa Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. week was suitably observed throughout the Presbyterial. Taking part in the broadcasts were Mrs. C. N. Hellyer, President of the Girls' Cabinet. Knox Church group held its affiliation service, Miss Isabel Hill, Girls' Organizations Secretary, officiating. Young Women's Auxiliary and C.G.I.T. girls, together with the Explorers and Boy Scouts attended the service in a body on Sunday morning when the Reverend Colin F. Miller gave a very special address. St. Giles group held a Valentine Tea, and guests were received by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Presbyterial President, and the Misses Margaret Moon and Margaret McLean. All groups will observe the World Day of Prayer.

Quebec Presbyterial—The annual Executive of the Presbyterial was held in Sherbrooke in January with Mrs. Philip Boy presiding. Reports showed that in spite of difficulties and drawbacks, interest has been maintained and there has been an increase in givings. Mrs. Boy stressed the necessity of accurate, complete reports, on time, and laid much emphasis on Children's work, which will provide leaders for the future. One new Explorer Group was reported. The president quoted ''An informed Church is a living Church'' and so it is with the Women's Missionary Society — God's work can never advance where there is inertia and ignorance.

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A Glimpse of Canadian Presbyterian Missions in the Orient

Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro report to the General Board of Missions.

THE thoughts and prayers of the members of our Society, have been turned to the meetings of the General Board of Missions, recently held in Toronto. To the sessions were brought reports of the mission work carried on by the Church at home and abroad. In this year 1949, a year in which the secular world is viewing situations in all parts of the world, with grave apprehension, it was good to hear that the Christian world, though beset with many trials, can report progress and interest in its mission work.

The tone of the meeting was set by the two people who have just returned from a six-month survey of the work of our Church abroad. Both Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro stressed the facts that the missionaries who have gone from this land to our foreign fields are doing a splendid self-sacrificing work; that the native Christians, particularly in Japan, Taiwan (Formosa), and in China, are putting great effort and sincere thought to the task, not only of restoring the Church which existed before the war, but to the ever-widening task of bringing new converts to the Christian faith. It was this latter fact that made an impression with at least some of the observers. We did not need to be told of the consecrated effort that our own people were making, but the knowledge that thousands of native peoples had already benefited from the work we have done in years past and that they are now taking their place in promoting the work, made us feel as Mr. Munro said he felt about the Korean Church: ''that we were party to one of the greatest experiences in modern church history''.

The first port of call for Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro was to those parts of Japan in which our Korean mission was situated before the war. They looked for the Moderator of the Korean Church and found him working among a new Korean population in Tokyo. There had been no Christian work in progress there before the war, so the Moderator's efforts represented new work. Mr. Munro stated that he was ''thrilled'' with the Korean people. Here, he said was an underprivileged people, a people who were treated as such during the war.

But the Tokyo Koreans have raised more money as a congregation than any Japanese Church in that area. Those who are not Christians are a hindrance to life in Japan. They have a very low standard of living but standing out against this group are the Christian communities who are busy raising money to build new churches and rebuild old ones. ‘‘The prospects are for a strong Church because it has a mind to work’’, stated Mr. Munro.

The delegates were welcomed in Taiwan by being taken to a large auditorium in the city of Taipeh. Three thousand people were gathered there to welcome the people from the mother Church. ‘‘The singing of the Hallelujah Chorus was just an indication of the singing church which is ours in Taiwan’’, said Mr. Munro. Miss Pelton and Mr. Munro found the aboriginal people presenting a great challenge to the Church. In the last few years, these native peoples have built churches of mud and bamboo. Some of these churches will seat up to a thousand worshippers. In the city of Taipeh, there are eleven fine churches serving the native Chinese people. In these communities, the young people are taking a leading part in the work of the Church. They are doing as much as they possibly can while they are still employed in their various professions.

Churches are not the only indication of the service our missionaries have established for Formosans. It was the belief of the delegates that the Mackay Memorial Hospital had been one of the greatest aids to evangelistic work on the island.

In China, our delegates had the opportunity to be present at a meeting of the Assembly of the Church of Christ in China. This Church organization is just in the process of beginning, but it is preparing to take a stand against the pagan forces which are attempting to conquor all of China. The Church of Christ in China is 85% Presbyterian. The missionaries represent the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, Ireland, United States, as well as our Church. In the midst of conditions of poverty and evil living, the Church is working as a powerful unit to establish churches and schools throughout Yunnan. ‘‘There is every hope that this is a Church which will survive, unless it is obliterated by pagan agencies’’, was the statement made by Mr. Munro.

Miss Pelton discussed the state of our mission in India. She feels that the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Jhansi is situated in a very difficult area in which to make an impression. There the missionaries are faced with the problems that we know here at home, plus the fact that the people are held in a bondage by their religions which makes the teaching of Christianity difficult. Our mission is responsible for ten million people living in rural communities and in ten thousand villages. There is a congregation there, separate from the mission. The session of that church has a woman elder. Miss Pelton was impressed by the feeling of solemnity which characterized the young people of that congregation. She knew as she sat with them at the Lord's Table, that they had gone to that Communion, prepared.

The trend in the educational system follows the trend of India generally. It is a trend to become independent. The Helen Macdonald Memorial School has been advancing toward financial independence. Miss Macgee is now the only non-Indian member of the staff. They are setting standards such that students graduating from the school may enter universities in the country.

Plans in the Bhil field are centred around the economic as well as the spiritual needs of the people. They hope to have more evangelists to do the type of work which Miss Kennedy is at the moment doing. She goes among the Bhil people and makes camp in a community. There she teaches the language, using the Laubach method. As she seeks to increase the literacy of the people, she also tries to teach them some skill which they can use to aid them materially. With all this instruction there is too the story of Salvation which can be taught as the work and the other learning goes on.

"India is looking for a way of life. The two ways seriously contending are Communism and Christianity. If we are to continue with our way, it must be with intelligence, sincerity and with methods designed to meet the practical needs of the Indian people", concluded Miss Pelton.

There can be no doubt in the minds of every one that all the roads to peace among the nations of the world centre on Christian living and Christian teaching. We have a great privilege in being able to do our part in bringing to reality that peace we all desire so much.

Six Deaconesses Receive Graduation Diplomas

ONCE more it is the season of the year when students in Church training schools are receiving their final lectures of the year and are preparing to go forth for the summer. This year six of the students at Westminster House, the Missionary and Deaconess Training School of our Church, received their graduation diplomas and are now prepared to take their places in the permanent ranks of our workers.

Reverend Professor J. S. Glen, Ph.D., addressed the graduating class, taking as his theme the persistence which Paul manifested in preaching the Gospel wherever he went. As he journeyed throughout the then-known world, Paul never hesitated to take his message to the people in the synagogues.

The example of the Master and of one of His most famous disciples was the challenge set before the newly-graduated deaconesses and missionaries. Like Christ and like Paul, they were going out to mingle with people who had either heard the Gospel and had refused it or with people who had never heard it. There is before them the choice of retaliating against their opposition or retreating before it. If the need for Christianity was not a burden on the souls of us all, we could retreat in the name of tolerance. But this choice would not be Christian. Christ does not give us up when we oppose Him.

PRIZES, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS TO DEACONESSES

Leadership Training Certificates were presented by Reverend James S. Clarke to the following:

Miss Charlotte E. Farris, Glencoe, Ont.; Miss Gladys M. Dickson, B.A., Winnipeg, Man.; Miss Agnes Hislop, Meath Park, Sask.; Miss Winnifred Ripley, Armstrong, B.C.; Miss Helen M. Rose, Truro, N.S.; Miss Ann M. Bain, Peterborough, Ont.; Miss Doris E. L. Buchanan, Toronto, Ont.; Miss Valda L. Ford, Hamilton, Bermuda; Miss Margaret G. Kerr, Guelph, Ont.; Miss Jessie V. McDonald, Winnipeg, Man.; Miss Margaret M. McDougall, Belle River, P.E.I.; Miss Annabelle T. Stewart, Cochrane, Ont.

Deaconess Alumnae prize for Bible Reading presented by Miss Mable Booth, to: Miss Agnes Hislop, Meath Park, Sask.

Mrs. G. D. Ralston, B.A., Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, presented the graduating class with their diplomas. The graduates were: Miss Gladys M. Dickson, B.A., Winnipeg, Man.; Miss Charlotte E. Farris, Glencoe, Ont.; Miss Agnes Hislop, Meath Park, Sask.; Miss Margaret E. McNaughton, Briercrest, Sask. (Miss McNaughton also graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto this spring); Miss Winnifred Ripley, Armstrong, B.C.; Miss Helen M. Rose, Truro, N.S.

Certificates for completion of **2nd year** and **first year courses**, presented Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A. A special Volunteer Worker's Certificate was presented to Miss Margaret Kerr, Guelph, Ont.

2nd year—Miss Ann M. Bain.

1st year—Miss Doris E. L. Buchanan; Miss Jessie V. McDonald; Miss Margaret M. McDougall; Miss Annabelle T. Stewart.

Proficiency Awards were presented by Reverend R. G. McKay, M.A., D.D. to the following:

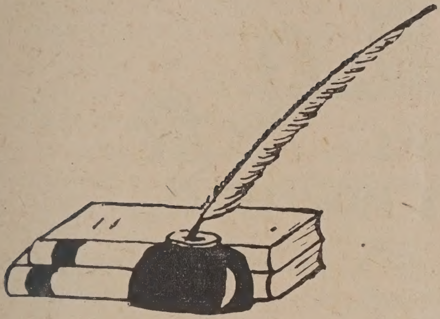
1st year—Miss Annabelle T. Stewart.
2nd year—Miss Agnes Hislop.
3rd year—Miss Gladys M. Dickson, B.A.

General Proficiency Awards were presented to the top girl in each year, by Reverend Walter T. McCree, D.D., to the following:

1st year—Miss Margaret M. McDougall.
2nd year—Miss Charlotte E. Farris.
3rd year—Miss Helen M. Rose.

The Protestant Women's Federation prize of $50.00, for the best essay written on the subject assigned by the Federation, was won by Miss Helen M. Rose, Truro, N.S. The prize was presented by Mrs. Greenwood, president of the Federation. Miss Ross, secretary of the organization was also present.

EDITORIAL



THE Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend C. Ritchie Bell, on two occasions has made statements of interest to readers of *The Glad Tidings.* Speaking to the members of Council Executive and at the opening session of the General Board of Missions, Mr. Bell stated that he felt that where information concerning the work and plans of our Church were known, support was forthcoming from the members of the various organizations. It is with this conviction that we are seeking to serve you the members of the Women's Missionary Society. But subscribing to Church periodicals is not enough in itself. There must go with that a real interest in the information contained therein.

We are at this time entering upon a campaign to sell subscriptions for *The Glad Tidings* for a half-year period. The offer is an excellent one financially, but it would seem to us that finances are a minor concern in this matter. Let us endeavour to make our magazine known to more women—that our organization may benefit, materially and spiritually, through the additional support. To be an informed Society is a necessary duty as a part of a Church, which is this day engaged with other Christian communions in a maximum effort to bring Christ to the peoples of the world.

There is much territory in the world to-day which needs Christian cultivation and yet we hear of those who would have us turn back from that task in countries where the Christian faith seems to be losing ground. Dr. Kitchen of McMaster University, illustrated our duty as mission sending societies in a lecture recently. He told about a conversation with a navigator of a trans-ocean aircraft. When a crossing is charted the navigator, knowing the amount of fuel, velocity and the direction of the winds, is able to calculate the ''point of no return''. If on its flight the plane has the misfortune to reach that point the custom is to go on through or ditch the plane. Dr. Kitchen in drawing a parallel to this story, stated he believed the missionary movement has reached that ''point of no return''. If we ditch the work all is lost. We must go on through.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed. who has been studying in Toronto since the first of the year, has returned to her home in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. On her way west, she stopped off at Fort William and Port Arthur to speak to members of our Society there. She expects to be visiting groups in Manitoba in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanton, Manual Training teachers at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora are leaving their posts there. They have done valuable work among our Indian students at Kenora and it is with regret that we have learned that the illness of Mrs. Swanton has necessitated her withdrawal from the school. They will be living near Kenora. We wish them well in whatever their new fields of work may be.

Miss Helen Ross, director of older groups at the Children's Centre, Vancouver, and Miss Isabel Scott, secretary to the Superintendent of Western Missions are to take the Training Course in Youth Leadership being sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches and directed by the Extension Department of the University of Toronto. The course begins May 30 and continues to June 24. The subjects of instruction will include programme planning, practical group work, music, drama, recreation crafts, religious education, Bible study, adolescent psychology, camp programmes, applied first aid, and, in addition, options are available in Girl Guide and C.G.I.T. training, Boy Scout, Tuxis and High "Y" Training, Girls' Auxiliary and Y.W.C.A. Girls' Club instruction.

We wish at this time to remind those responsible for sending money to the Society treasurer to continue to make all remittances payable to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Louise Reith, M.A., Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature Department, represented our Society at the annual meeting of the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, held this year in New York. When asked, just what this organization means to the Women's Missionary Society, Miss Reith gave us the following description:

The Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada is composed of representatives of some sixty Boards of Protestant Churches in the United States and Canada.

From Canada go representatives of the Church of England in Canada, the Baptist Church, The United Church of Canada and The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Missionary Education Movement which publishes under the well-known name of ''Friendship Press'' provides many of the excellent books, maps and other supplies which aid us in the effective presentation of our mission study themes each year.

At the Annual Meeting held in Labor Temple, New York City, March 17th to 21st, the books to be available for the 1949-50 year on Japan were reviewed and plans were made for the two following years. Most of the work of the meetings is done through Committees. The whole group divides into three committees known as the ''Age-Group Committees''—Committee One—Adult; Committee Two—Youth; Committee Three—Children's. Each committee draws up a plan of the materials required for the age group for which it is responsible. These plans include specifications for books desired and suggestions as to authors who would be acceptable. The plans are presented in a General Session to the meeting as a whole and approved before being left to the various editors and staff of the Movement to carry out. Through the year the manuscripts of the books planned at the meetings are circulated to the members of the committees concerned for their comments and suggestions that the books produced may be of the greatest use to the greatest number of Churches.

As well as planning books on the definite study themes specifications are also drawn up for general missionary books and for Visual Aids which will assist in the presentation of the various yearly themes.

The annual meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society, will be held this year in Grace Church, Calgary, September 26th to September 30th.

British Guiana: A letter from Miss Margaret Ramsay (on her return from furlough)

"We had a very nice voyage, with the exception of the crossing from Boston to Bermuda, which we were told was the roughest crossing the *Lady Nelson* had had in four years. . . . As our arrival coincided with the Christmas season, we were given a 'royal' welcome in Georgetown by the Militia Band. Another welcome was awaiting me on the dock, for Reverend and Mrs. Elder, Pat and Miss MacDonald, and also one of the Suddie young people's group, a young man who is now working in Georgetown. It made me feel very happy indeed, for it seemed like coming 'home'.

Two days later after arriving from Georgetown we had meetings of the children's and young people's groups, and it really felt like getting back into harness again. Then on Christmas Eve, a group of the young people and I went singing Christmas carols in Golden Fleece Estate and that climaxed the week of my return.

I have had two Sundays now, on the Essequibo coast and meeting with the Christians in the various churches and worshipping with them, has brought again the realization of how close we are to each other in Christ, and yet how much we need each other to grow in spiritual strength. We are short of native workers here in Essequibo just now, and it is bringing an added burden to the catechists and lay workers in the various districts. Naturally we try to help out all we can and so some of the extras may mean the curtailing of our regular work. However, it is nice to be back again to be busy once more among the East Indian people and to feel that we are working together to bring the good news of salvation to the many who have not accepted it yet. World conditions show unrest and fear and even here we are disturbed at times by the effects of these things. So we must 'work while it is yet day, for the night cometh . . .'."

Amkhut: from Miss Williamson

One of the commodities which is causing a great deal of concern in India right now is petrol. There has been a shortage for some time. Miss Williamson writes about it: "We have had none this quarter at all, and now since the new division of the states, the people say Dohad does not care whether we are supplied or not. They say we should be supplied in our own province of Madhya Bharat, but since we are off the railway, there is no petrol pump nearer than Dohad. Right now everything is shut up tight until after Pandit Nehru makes a visit to places just south of Dohad. I suppose they were going to make use of all they needed for that visit but I think he finished to-day, so in a few days we may know the worst.

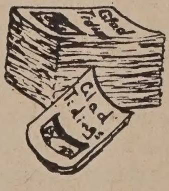
We have to go to Jobat next week for another meeting and then from March 5th to 9th, we have a mela here. For that we have to get in extra supplies to feed everybody who may come. It is no easy matter these days but we have so far been able to get what we need.

The weather in all parts of the world seems off schedule this year. We had hardly any cold weather when we should have had it in December and January but we have had some bitter days in February. A week ago Sunday was so cold that we had to sit out in the sun for service. There was as much as twenty degrees difference from one night to the next this week. It brings a lot of cold and fever with it.''

Miss Williamson, speaking of Miss Rollo and Dr. Maurer, who have both been ill at Amkhut, said: ''The improvement in either of them is slow but as they are cheerful and happy and no trouble at all to us, we hardly realize that they are incapacitated. The doctor is able to help a great many people even without getting out of bed.''

ANNOUNCING THE HALF-YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION RATE

SOME of the readers of *Glad Tidings* may have already seen our messenger which announces that now is the time to tell your friends to take advantage of bargain rates and subscribe for our missionary magazine for the next six months. For 25 or 30 cents six copies of *Glad Tidings* may be purchased. In addition, we are hoping to make the June number a special issue devoted to information and to interest material on camps. This special June issue will be available for the price of 10 cents and we think this will be an opportunity to acquaint the young people and leaders in your church with the camping programme which the Women's Missionary Society sponsors and supports.



The Life of a Regional Secretary

OUR attention these last few months has been centred on the regional secretaries appointed by our Society. We were interested in the appointment of Miss Mackay as secretary in British Columbia and further information about their work revealed their new relationship to the Board of Sabbath Schools. Just to keep up to date on the actual duties they are performing, we give you a peek into the report of one of these girls and you yourself can judge whether they are busy.

"During the first two or three months of the year (1948), two Synodical and seven Presbyterial Annual Meetings were visited. Assistance was given to Presbyterial Executives. I met them sometimes as a group or, if that was not convenient, I met with individual officers. Sectional meetings were revived in some parts of my field and they were all successful. Throughout all the meetings a very high spiritual note was sounded and the women were challenged to greater service.

Some new groups were organized and some were reorganized. Working with Young Women's Groups has been a pleasure. Young women are finding that there is a place for them in their local congregation and on Presbyterial and Synodical executives.

Girls' work seems to be the weak spot, but good work is being done in the groups which are organized. Most of these groups have been visited. There have been many special functions to attend such as Mother and Daughter banquets, Christmas and Easter Vesper Services, Day of Prayer service, rallies and camp reunions.

The Children's Department also required much time and again groups were visited and rallies attended. Several impressive graduation services were held for Explorer children. During November, ten centres were visited. Every opportunity was taken to meet leaders and parents.

On most Sundays, there were Sunday Schools to visit and that gave an opportunity to present missions not only to children but to Sunday School teachers as well. Some time has been given to leadership training for Sunday School teachers and mid-week leaders.

In some congregations there were Young People's Societies to contact. I have found keen interest among young people I have visited. They are eager to make their mission studies more interesting.

Being a member of all Camp Committees, much time was given to camp work. I directed one camp, visited another for a week end and took part in a summer school.

This is just a small glimpse of the many tasks our regional secretaries are doing among the people of our Church and among the leaders of inter-church groups. The task is not easy, but each one of them would say that they are rewarded for their hard labours by knowing that they are helping to present to large groups and to small ones, a message and a task which have no parallel in challenge and inspiration.

New Officers on Council Executive

RECENT withdrawals of members of the Council Executive have necessitated the rearrangement of the work. The Nominating Committee was faced with a difficult task in filling the office of Treasurer made vacant by the retirement of Mrs. Strachan. It is indeed a matter for real satisfaction that among the members of the Council Executive one was found well qualified to assume the difficult and important duties of this office. The new Treasurer is **Mrs. G. R. Pye.** Mrs. Pye has had considerable and successful experience in the realm of business. With her genuine interest in the Women's Missionary Society goes a thorough knowledge of its organization, knowledge gained by active participation in Auxiliary and Presbyterial work, before coming on the Council Executive.

The appointment of Mrs. Pye to this office left vacant that of Recording Secretary and for that office we are thankful to be able to report a suitable appointee in the person of **Miss Helen M. Horne.** Miss Horne has a strong Women's Missionary Society background. She is the daughter of Mrs. H. R. Horne, so well known here during the "Union Years" (as one of the Big Four) and later active in the work of the Society in the West, and she is the granddaughter of Mrs. Shortreed, a former President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. But Miss Horne has more than an inherited interest in missionary work having made a valuable contribution to the Society by her own service in important offices in Auxiliary, Presbyterial and Provincial organizations in Saskatchewan.

The third very important office vacant since last September, has been filled. It is believed that **Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace** will fully measure up to the requirements of Children's Secretary because of her keen interest in all branches of the Women's Missionary Society and especially that of the Children's Department. Mrs. Wallace's work in the local congregation and in the Presbyterial has been noticeably of a high order and a sound preparation for her service on the Council Executive.

Thoughts of a Missionary on Returning to India

BY MISS IRENE STRINGER

Miss Stringer looks forward to work in a new India. She sails from America in April, to her work in Jhansi.

Miss Irene Stringer

SINCE I left India in January 1947 the country has been granted independence, I will therefore be returning to a new India. I believe this will mean new opportunities, as in an independent India there should no longer be the idea that missionaries are the agents of western Imperialism and the tools of whatever country they represent. Regarded as ambassadors of the Christian Church we should have a new place and greater opportunities.

In many ways our missionary task is only beginning. There is much to do and our time may be short. We must build a Church ready and able to complete the task. More and more the Indian Church must assume responsibility but for some time yet we must carry part of the burden. If the Church is to take root in India as a self-supporting missionary Church we must do our part to make it possible.

One of our first needs is Indian men and women trained and ready for service in the Church. That means we must train them, we must inspire them with the vision of full-time service. This will be in great part the work of our schools. Here again much has been done, but there is still much to do. In the Jhansi field for the past few years I feel that educational work has been a one-sided effort. The girls' work has been emphasized and the boys neglected. To continue this policy will mean a weak Church. The Church needs both men and women and we must carefully reconsider our educational and training programmes to include both. This new policy should include the scholarships for western training for promising Indian Christians—thus better fitting them for leadership.

Another task facing us is to inspire our people, particularly our young people with the joy of service, and the opportunities for witnessing in all walks of life. All too often there has been the feeling that only preachers, teachers and nurses were in real service. The place of the individual Christian, and, to an even greater extent, the place of the home must be emphasized as important factors in the training process and in the work of the Church. A truly Christian family, living and witnessing in a non-Christian village can often do more than years of preaching.

To be effective our schools must be part of the whole missionary aim of the Church. All our work, whether evangelistic, medical or educational has and must have the same purpose to present Christ. This is the common task of each individual. Thus each child has a part in the work and should be fitted for it.

That means our schools should include training in crafts, in home making, in practical every day living. It means too that our educational aims, our way of life in the schools, our standards set, must not be above the economic level of the community. We must not unfit these children for living in their own homes, for their own village life, yet as far as possible within that economic level we must raise their standards, and equip them to be leaders in their home and village. In all our planning we must remember that education and training alone will not produce the needed leaders. They must first of all be led to the feet of Christ, and inspired to enter His Service.

Opportunities in the new India are great. The doors are wide open. Our command is ''go ye'', Dare I refuse to return? Dare the Church stand back and let the opportunity pass? It is easy to say, ''Let the Indian Church take over.'' But dare we leave our share undone? If there is to be a self-supporting missionary Church in India we must do our part to make it possible. It will mean an all-out endeavour. For some time it will mean more sacrificial giving, more workers, more prayers, but we must not neglect so great an opportunity. To neglect may be disastrous to the whole future of the Church.

The Church must go on strong, and with authority. We have been sent out as ambassadors to reconcile the world to God. ''Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God.'' (II Cor. 5: 20.)

"Singant-Sorri"

When a man dies or is in trouble in the villages of New Guinea and Papua a ''singant-sorri'' (sing-out-sorry) is made. That is a collection to help the man or his family. Now a ''singant-sorri'' is being made for the children of the world. The money collected in little bush and river villages is sent to help the Australian gift to the United Nations appeal for children. —From ''*Listen*''.

A Review of Our Mission in Japan

BY MRS. W. E. PAUL RUMBALL

Mrs. Rumball, the former Miss Jean MacLean, served in Japan under our Society until 1940.

Mrs. W. E. Paul Rumball

IN December 1940 the four missionaries who still remained in the Mission to Koreans in Japan were forced by circumstances to leave Japan and return to Canada. The work begun by our Church in 1927 had, by the Grace of God, prospered and enjoyed much blessing. At the time when the missionaries withdrew there were twenty-three ordained native ministers, most of whom were supported by the native church. Twenty-eight Bible-women were at work going in and out of the homes giving comfort, encouragement and the Message of Salvation. There were six Nursery Schools where teachers were faithfully instructing little children in songs and games and more important still in the Precious Word of God. There was a Women's Missionary Society with groups in forty-one churches and these women met monthly for the study of the Scriptures. Sunday Schools were held in all of the churches and in the summer holidays a vacation school was held.

During the war years little was heard of the Korean Christians in Japan and many times our hearts were burdened for our Korean friends. Now at last our Church has sent back her first missionary—Dr. Luther Young who has just arrived in Japan and received a warm welcome from the Korean brethren. I can imagine their joy when they were united with one whom they looked upon as their father in the faith.

The work done among the women and children was under the Women's Missionary Society. Both Eastern and Western Divisions took a deep interest in the Korean women and children and each of the lady missionaries was assigned a portion of this work for which she was to be responsible. My task was to supervise the Nursery Schools and women's organizations in about twelve churches. I tried to spend at least one or two days every month in each Nursery School and then every two months the teachers all got together and had a day of fellowship and discussion of our problems; in the evening we would hold a meeting for mothers in one of the churches. As often as possible I went visiting in the homes of the children and there had the opportunity of presenting the Gospel.

Once a year we had in the Kobe-Osaka District our Presbyterial meeting which meant a whole day of inspiration and joyous fellowship. All of the groups followed the same programme and had the same topics and most of them held their monthly meetings on Sundays after the morning service. This made Sunday a busy day, especially for the missionary who usually had a Women's Missionary Society meeting every Sunday following the church service. The women helped not only in the spiritual life of the church but financially as well.

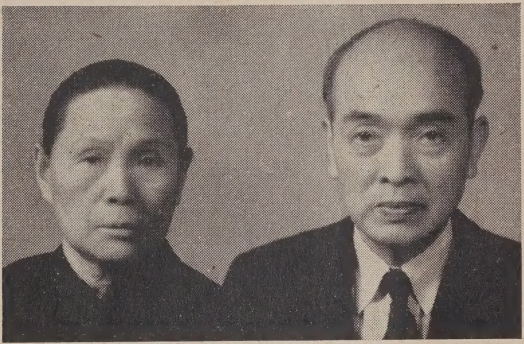
Aside from the regular routine of meetings there were many special meetings in the churches where one could assist. The New Year Bible Classes, evangelistic campaigns and conferences all made valuable contribution to the progress and life of the Church. Perhaps one of the most important phases of the missionary's work is that of visiting in the homes, both Christian and non-Christian presenting the Message by spoken word as well as by written word and many there were too, who sought us in our own home wishing to talk over some problem or seeking a word of encouragement along the way.

It seems to me as if the past twenty years had never been and I am starting over again. In 1928 I had the privilege of being the first missionary to be sent to Japan by the Women's Missionary Society and only Dr. and Mrs. Young were there then. In 1940 on my marriage I entered a Japanese Mission and now in 1949 it is our privilege to go back not only to the same work but to live in the same house where I had spent many happy years and in which I was married. At the time of our marriage one of the Biblewomen called Mr. Rumball a ''sheep stealer'' and said that they would pray both of us back into the Mission. God has heard that prayer and in a wonderful way is answering it. Our one regret is that we will not, at present, be joined by Miss Anderson and Miss MacDonald who are serving in British Guiana, but we trust that, if it is God's will, He may lead them back to Japan in the near future.

Fifty-one Years a Minister in Formosa

BY MRS. JAMES DICKSON

The Chiong family witness with their parents to the faith.



Pastor and Mrs. Chiong

IN March 1898 a young man graduated from the Theological College in Tamsui, Taiwan. He had been converted by the preaching of Dr. Mackay, the first missionary to North Taiwan. He had been his student in the theological college. This young man was Pastor Chiong and he was just twenty years old. He was given a church to take charge of and he married a Christian girl, and began a ministry in the Presbyterian Church which has continued now for fifty years.

Pastor and Mrs. Chiong had ten children. Their names reflect the Christian atmosphere in which they lived, and their lives have been bright pages in the history of the Christian Church in Taiwan. The oldest girl was called "Chu-sim", which means Heart of Mercy, a name chosen from the first hymn in the hymn book. Chu-sim and her husband to-day are both elders in the Church, and they have presented a church building to the Lord as an offering of love.

The next girl was called "Hong-sim" which means Bright Heart. She graduated from the Girls' School and was the first Formosan girl to go to Japan to study kindergarten work. After working in Japan for a while, she came back to be married.

"Jin-sim" means Heart of Charity. She married a young pastor and went to the far East Coast. It was due partly to their unselfish and devoted efforts to reach the mountain people in spite of Japanese restrictions that the Gospel had its beginnings in the mountains. The tragic early death of her husband was due mostly to the persecution he endured at the hands of the Japanese police because of his interest in introducing the Gospel into the mountain tribes.

"Sian-sim" means Heart of Goodness. She is married to a doctor who is also an elder in the church. She has nine children and a busy home, but she has family worship with them every day, and gets up early to have time alone with God.

''Khe-beng'' is the oldest boy. He was born early in the morning and was named for the morning star which shone brightly at his birth. His name means Morning Star. He went to America to study in a Bible School, then worked his way through college, was still in America when war broke out, joined the American forces, and to-day is a Lieutenant on the staff of General MacArthur in Japan. He returned after the war to see his father and mother after an absence of seventeen years.

''Chin-sim'' is the next girl, and her name means True Heart. She also graduated from the Girls' School and then went to Japan for further study. She became a kindergarten teacher, and then returned to teach in the Tamsui Girl's School. Now she is married and lives in the south of the Island.

''Khe-an'' is the next oldest boy. His name freely translated means Open the way to Peace. He graduated from the theological college in Formosa, then worked as assistant pastor in his father's church. Then he went to Japan and attended the Japanese theological college three years. He worked in the Y.M.C.A. in Tokyo during the war. After the war he returned to Formosa where he is the director of the Y.M.C.A. and a prominent leader in all kinds of young people's work.

''Khe-hong'' means Open the way to Fragrance. He is a doctor and helps in the Christian work of his community.

''Sin-sim'' or Believing Heart studied at St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo to be a nurse. After the war she worked in an army hospital. She returned to Formosa and worked with UNRRA. Now she is in Canada for one year's advanced work under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation.

''Khe-ngo'' is the youngest child. His name means Open Understanding. He will enter the University this September.

''Do you think it is wrong for me to learn the art of self-defense?'' asked the young man of his pastor.

''Certainly not,'' answered the minister. ''I learned it in my youth myself and I have found it of great value during my life''.

''Indeed, sir! Did you learn the old English system or Sullivan's system?''

''Neither. I learned Solomon's system''.

''You will find it laid down in the first verse of the 15th chapter of Proverbs: 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' It is the best system of self-defense I know.'' —From the ''*War Cry*''.

Serving Through Singing

Mrs. G. P. Louie, Montreal, describes the work of the Chinese choir under her direction.

THE young people in the choir you see pictured on this page have become well known in Montreal not only in Presbyterian circles but throughout the whole city. Mrs. Louie writes: "This choir was organized about four years ago. During these past two years, we have taken an active part in the Church Christmas concert and service, Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. In May, 1948, we also sang in the 'China Booth', of the Calvacade of Christendom.

We have lost members and gained new ones but still have most of the oldtimers with us. This photograph was taken at an 'International Concert', sponsored by the University District Home and School Association at the Montreal High School auditorium. We represented China among the 21 nations present.

In the photo are seen, from left to right: back row, Alford Seto, from Aylmer, Quebec, engineering student at McGill University; George Fisher, Montreal, arts student at Sir George Williams College, also the present superintendent of our church Sunday School; Earl Young, Toronto, at McGill University; Luke Long, Vancouver, graduate electrical engineer from University of British Columbia; Henry Chou, Shanghai, at Sir George Williams College; Miss Muriel Judd, Toronto, our accompanist (she is also our deaconess). In the front are: Alice Hum, and Lily Lee of Montreal, who work in offices; Anne

Chinese Young People's Choir

Wong, Montreal, a senior at Montreal High School; Marjorie Lee, Montreal, business girl; Eva Chong, Woodstock, Ontario, formerly of Victoria, B.C., neurosurgical nurse at the Royal Neurological Institute; Bernice Louie, Victoria, B.C., at Sir George Williams College; Edna Chan, Montreal, secretary of our Sunday School and Mrs. G. P. Louie, Hong Kong, China, director of this Chinese Young People's Choir.

Unfortunately, not in the picture are: Don. Sim, Ottawa, commerce student at McGill University; Chuck Yip, Vancouver, Masters in Engineering, a graduate of University of British Columbia, and Chong Joe, Victoria, B.C. veteran of the South-East Asia Command of World War II; Mae Hoe, Saskatchewan, business girl; and Dorothy Wong, Montreal, a business girl.

Of the girls in our choir, Anne Wong and Alice Hum are to be baptized at our church this April.

Since this picture was taken, the choir participated on behalf of China at another International Concert given by the Young Men's Hebrew Association during Brotherhood Week on February 23, 1949. On Saturday, March 26, the girls of the choir are singing at the rally of Presbyterian Sunday School girls at First Presbyterian Church in Montreal.

I am sure that with God's help, this group of young people will prove to be a great help and perhaps great leaders of our Church. Already, other young people have been contacted to come to church through the efforts of the members of this choir.''

Tisdale Girls have "China Night"

FROM PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL NEWS

A VERY enjoyable ''China Night'' was held on the evening of March 2nd, by the Willing Workers Girls' Auxiliary and their guests in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Tisdale.

Invitations, mailed in advance, were written with brush and India ink in perpendicular rows reading from right to left. The hall was decorated with real Chinese lanterns and festival decorations, together with a picture map of China and posters depicting scenes of Chinese life. As the guests arrived they were confronted by a large map of China on the outside door. This was to symbolize that, as they opened the door, they entered China. They were greeted by their hostesses, who all wore Chinese costumes, with bowing and a few

Chinese words of welcome. Next, they wrote their names with brush and India ink—first names last, of course.

The entire programme was planned to acquaint the girls with Chinese facts and customs in a manner that would give them a more friendly understanding of the life of their Chinese brothers and sisters. This was done in various ways, through contests and quizzes. A few Chinese games were played and attempts made at Chinese songs.

The real highlight of the evening was the lunch. Chinese friends of the National Cafe prepared the main dish of chop suey and loaned chopsticks. The lunch committee arranged for other Chinese recipes to be served and all were enjoyed. The meal was served on small tables covered with lovely Chinese, hand-made linen teacloths with lanterns, pagodas and other Chinese designs cross-stitched on them.

The evening closed with a Chinese chantey and ''Jesus Loves Me'' in Chinese. A great deal of help was received from *Fun and Festival in China* for anyone who would care to plan a similar programme. It was found that there was a great deal of interest among the older members of the church and as a result it is planned to have another such evening at the close of the year's study.

Mrs. F. M. Glazier, leader of the girls, deserves special commendation for the time and thought and enthusiasm which she expended in the preparation for the evening.

The Second National Canadian Workshop in Audio-Visual Education

THE Second National Canadian Workshop in Audio-Visual Education will be held again this year from June 27th to July 1st at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Delegates representing all major Protestant denominations will come from every province in the Dominion to attend this Workshop which is held under the auspices of the Audio-Visual Education Committee of the Department of Christian Education, Canadian Council of Churches.

Theme speaker for the Workshop will be the Reverend Alexander Ferguson, Director of Audio-Visual Education for the Missions Council of Congregational Christian Churches in the United States. His addresses will be on, ''The Programme of Audio-Visual Educational Resources in the Local Church.''

The main purpose behind this interdenominational Audio-Visual Workshop is to provide training for all those responsible for the audio-visual programme in the local church, and to bring together the experience of denominations and groups in the use and development of audio-visual materials. Delegates are taught how to integrate audio-visual resources with the curriculum materials and with the Christian Education programme in the local Church. Also, the opportunity to organize and present radio programmes suitable for local, regional and dominion broadcasts is provided. Out of these Workshops will come leaders trained to give leadership and guidance in the rapidly expanding field of Audio-Visual Education.

Miss Rosser is no stranger to those who attended the First Workshop held at McMaster University in the summer of 1948. Her keen wit and vivacious personality endeared her to the hearts of all those present, and it was by popular request that she was brought back again to lead the course on, "The Use of Radio in Christian Education." Her group will take charge of one of the evening programmes at the Workshop and will also participate in a broadcast over one of the Hamilton radio stations.

Four courses are offered at the Workshop and delegates are requested to register in *one* of the following:

1. Non-Projected Visual Resources
2. The Use of Radio in Christian Education
3. Producing Audio-Visual Resources for the Local Church
4. Building Audio-Visual Resources into the Programme of Christian Education.

Besides the above Courses, delegates will participate in the previewing of films, filmstrips and slides. Time will also be provided for inspection of audio-visual equipment and instruction in its operation and use will be given by the various commercial exhibitors. Every night there will be a special programme embodying Visual Aids and at the close of the evening there will be a social hour of fun and fellowship in the Recreation Hut.

Last year, 112 delegates representing seven different denominations and three Religious Education Councils attended the first National Canadian Workshop in Audio-Visual Education. The Presbyterian Church in Canada was represented by seven delegates, two of them being Women's Missionary Society missionaries home on furlough from British Guiana.

The registration fee for the Workshop is $10.00 and room and board, payable on arrival, is $22.50. Free Workshop pamphlets, registration forms and further information may be obtained by writing to: Visual Education Committee, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Room 801, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who knowest all that is in the heart of each one of us, we come into Thy Presence in prayer, asking Thy forgiveness and Thy loving mercy.

We confess that many times we have gone our own ways and have forgotten Thee. Many times we have done the things we should not have done and left undone those things we should have done.

As we think of our unworthiness, we praise and thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, who died upon the Cross, that through His sacrifice, we might receive forgiveness for our sins and the Life Eternal. Make us more worthy of Thy great love for us.

At this time, we would remember before Thy throne of Grace, the Church of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for that part of Thy Church of which we are members. Breathe upon it anew the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit that it may go forward with zeal and courage carrying the banner of Thy Gospel high.

We pray for a special blessing on our newly ordained ministers as they go forth to their mission fields to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give them high hopes and a steadfast faith. Give to the graduates of our deaconess training school, hope, faith and courage as they enter full-time service for Thee. We also remember before Thee all our students, men and women as they go to their summer fields. May they take with them the knowledge of Thy Presence.

In these days of change and uncertainty in the world, our thoughts, O God, turn to Thee for the safety of our workers in foreign lands. Stem the tide of ungodliness, we implore Thee and keep the workers in China and India safe. We thank Thee for all they have been able to do and we earnestly pray that they and Christians in all lands beyond the seas, may be kept very near to Thee.

We remember before Thee, the workers in our own land. May they not be weary in well-doing and may they know that the prayers of the Church that has sent them out to preach and to teach, follow them as they do those on the foreign field.

These petitions we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Japan is the most promising field for Christian missions to-day, in the opinion of Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Dr. Jones has just completed an evangelistic tour of Japan. He addressed forty meetings in sixteen Japanese cities. Never have I experienced such large and sincere responses, he reports, nor found such eager and serious audiences. Christianity and Communism are contesting for the soul of Japan, Dr. Jones said, and the Church must meet the challenge while the door is open.—*World Church News.*

Be Of Good Cheer

BY MISS HELEN FAIRBAIRN

WHEN we feel cast down by repeated spiritual failures there is a verse of Scripture that we are apt to take refuge in as speedily as possible. It is the one which tells us that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Nothing could be truer, and we are entitled to whatever relief the fact may afford us. But this repeated short-coming is very humiliating, affecting as it does some of our most sincere efforts to do good. So often our performance has stopped short of full accomplishment. We forgave our brother, but it was a measured cautious forgiveness. We answered the cry of need, but none too cordially. We gave of our substance, but was it like the Lord's giving—full measure, heaped up, pressed down and running over? Our deeds were not graciously rounded out. They were cut off, sometimes with unseemly abruptness. In other words they came short of the glory of God. This is not satisfactory in retrospect. Indeed it is deeply depressing, and we need more comfort than is to be gleaned from the fact that we have many companions in misery! When thinking this over sadly one day, there came to my mind, almost as if a voice had uttered it, this word of the Master's: "Be of good cheer: I have *overcome* the world." The great Helper never fails. We may come short, but He overcomes. Another illustration of the eternal truth that for every need of the disciple Grace has a corresponding supply.

Nor does this make us look leniently on our shortcomings—far from it. Rather does it inspire us to reach out arms of prayerful effort so that being lifted in the full tide of His overcoming power we may at length come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

The Church In The Netherlands

BY MRS. L. VANDENBERG

Mrs. Vandenberg is the Dutch lady who in an earlier issue of "Glad Tidings", sent a message to Dutch members of our Church.

CANADA is a country very much blessed by providence or as we Christians would say by the Lord. Everyone could be spiritually blessed too but it seems most of our people do not appreciate spiritual blessings. One goes on a Sunday to the Church and many empty pews accuse the home stayers. You know that. Not only in Canada but in other countries it is very often the same. Very few people realize that outside the Church of Christ there is no salvation. I am very doubtful when I see on the walls of the homes of non-church goers a picture with the eternal words "God is Love". To-day these things are the same all over the world, churches empty and movies packed and never before has the world been in so great disharmony as to-day. The country I come from, Holland was a blessed country through many centuries, it was one of the wealthiest countries of the world with a large navy considering its small population. She had a rich history. A culture in the 17th century reminiscent of the Greeks of the olden times. After the war Holland became poor, business paralyzed. Do you think that there is no connection between empty pews and poor countries? Do you think there is no connection between Hitler with his iron hand over Europe and God's wrath?

We come from that part of Holland, the North, which is the so-called fortification of Calvinistic life in the Netherlands. We come from Groningen, a city with a 130,000 inhabitants and eight big Christian Reform Churches.

The Christian Reform Church believes that there is not one inch of the earth that is not under the rule of God. With this knowledge members of this church have formed a political society. This society nominates for election to the parliament, talented men of their own number. In this way it is possible to get influence in the rule of the country and to build up a bulwark against unChristian politics.

It is necessary that all church people are trained in theology and the doctrine of the Church. It is not enough to go to church we must be continually in touch with Heaven. When we realize this we cannot let one stone be unturned until we send God's eternal message to the world.

During the winter months the boys and girls go to confirmation classes to be taught in the confession and doctrine of salvation, to be well grounded in the matters concerning the Christian life. When the young people are about 20 years of age most of them confess their belief and are confirmed. After their confirmation they are allowed to take part in the Holy Communion of the Christian Reformed Church in Holland. The Church of Jesus Christ is the most important thing on earth. We must not look to the Church as a building or gathering, materialistic only but as a spiritual gathering of Christian people.

In Holland our view of life and the world is determined by our view of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is waiting to lend a helping hand to all people who come from Europe, especially those who profess Calvinistic Doctrine, for The Presbyterian Church in Canada is founded upon the great fundamental doctrines of John Calvin.

Geliefde Landgenoten, Broeders en Zusters in Den Heere

Het is thans voor de tweede maal dat wij, dank zij de redactie van *The Glad Tidings* met elkaar in contact komen.

Mocht U met mijn man of mij persoomlijk willen corresponderen, ons adres is: L. Vandenberg, Postbox 92, Brockville.

Ik hoop dat wij door deze paar letters iets voor elkaar kunnen zijn Waarschijnlijk gaat het U als mijn man en mij: In het begin veel moeilijkheden, Christenen weten wij tot Wie wij ons moeten wenden.

De veelomvattende betekenis van Genesis I: 28 "is ook van toepassing op immigratie. Pleitende op dit bevel van God bij de aanvang van de wereld om de aarde op alle gebied in cultuur te brengen, bidden wij Gods zegen af.

Houdt aan in het gebed en Hij opent ons de vensteren des Hemels.

Translation

Now, for the second time we can meet each other, thanks to the Editor of *The Glad Tidings.* In case you should like to correspond with my husband and me our address is: L. Vandenberg, Box 92, Brockville. I hope that we can do something for each other by these few lines. Probably, it is for you the same as for us: in the beginning many difficulties, material as well as spiritual. But Christians know to whom they have to go with all their troubles. The wide meaning of Genesis I: 28 applies to immigration too. In accordance with this command of God at the beginning of the earth to cultivate it in every respect, we pray for God's blessing. Let us continue our prayers and He opens the windows of the Heaven for us.

The very God! think, Abib; dost thou think?
So, the All-Great were the All-Loving too—
So, through the thunder comes a human voice
Saying: O heart I made, a heart beats here!
Face, my hands fashioned, see it in myself!
Thou hast no power, nor mayst conceive of mine,
But love I gave thee with myself to love
And thou must love me who have died for thee!

—Browning, Epistle of Karshish.

Thoughts and Actions Inspired by the World Day of Prayer

All around the world, women in all ranks of life have been inspired and encouraged by participation in the World Day of Prayer service.

MANY of us, as we read these lines will recall March 4 as a day when we were able to worship, conscious of the fellowship which was possible for us that day because thousands of Christian women were, throughout the day, kneeling before a common Father, imploring His blessing upon us, His humble servants. It is well to continue the inspiration of that moment as we read messages from the Queen of England, the Queen of Tonga, and brief excerpts from the broadcast message of Mrs. H. D. Martin, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

We are indebted to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, treasurer of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada who sent us releases which had been received by that organization from various parts of the world. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth caused a message to be sent to the women of the Empire. She stated that she had read all the details of the Women's World Day of Prayer, with the deepest interest. ''Her Majesty asks me to tell your Committee that you will all be in the Queen's thoughts on Friday, March 4th, and to add that Her Majesty is greatly impressed by all that she has read about the work that you are doing. The Queen was particularly touched by the delightful letter that the Queen of Tonga wrote, with its direct and inspiring message.''

The following is an extract from a letter received from New Zealand: . . . ''During the last Day of Prayer (1948) we had the Queen of Tonga staying in Auckland on a health visit and, knowing her deep interest in our work, we contacted her by letter and she very graciously wrote a message which was read to our meeting in Auckland. You will recall that this Island Queen was mentioned in last year's service. To those in England and other faraway places she must sound like a fairytale Queen. Here is part of her message:

'Dear Sisters in Christ,

It gives great pleasure to convey to you on behalf of the women of Tonga, loving greetings on this Day of Prayer. It is well understood by me and by a great number of my Tongan people, the value of prayer and I am sure you would be interested to hear of our work in Tonga. . . . There is a class for elderly women and young married ones who meet once a week to talk about and discuss their spiritual life and pray. It is a little over 70 years since this class was started and I have had the honour of being the leader for 22 years. . . . I heartily support your good work, praying that the Holy Spirit will be with you to encourage and strengthen you to carry on the Torch of Christianity to all parts of the world, so that His Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. God bless you all.

(signed)

Salote Topou, a humble Christian.' "

Produced in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert was the broadcast which inaugurated the World Day of Prayer Service in Canada. The speaker on that occasion was the wife of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, Mrs. H. D. Martin, Vice-President, Dominion Board, Women's Auxiliary, Church of England. Here, in part, is her message: "The Lord is Thy Keeper! What a glorious theme for us, as praying women to dwell upon! It will mean something quite different to each individual, for every prayer coming from the heart will be one's own.

It is a great call to Faith. Having that all-embracing Faith in God, we believe and know, and what is more important, realize, that God, the Lord, is our Keeper and that He will preserve our going out and our coming in for evermore. Once realizing this, we are filled with that wonderful feeling of security, which the whole world is looking for to-day, and sad to relate, failing to find, because the Faith of so many is in things material and not Divine. . . .

Tomorrow this great wave of prayer will ascend to God: prayers for the weak that they may be strong; prayers for the strong that they may be made humble and prayers for those who are just starting out on His way of life. Thus praying for one another, we will help one another. In this way we will gradually bring to this distraught and uncertain world that great sense of Christian Unity which alone can, and I believe ultimately will, bring Peace to the world. . . .

Even a successful scheme to avert war would not essentially bring peace. The absence of war is not peace. Peace is an active state of mind, a serenity of thought, that is God-given and can only be attained by sincere effort and earnest prayer. . . .

Tomorrow is a new day filled with new opportunities for us all. As this great wave of prayer ascends to Almighty God from many types of women, women of different backgrounds, different outlook, different race, different colour, there will be one all-embracing similarity: they will all be Christians.

As we from the north country, join with our sisters across this broad Dominion, and in other lands, let us thank God for our love for one another, for our Faith in Him, and for our knowledge that: 'The Lord is our Keeper', and that 'He that keepeth Thee will not slumber nor sleep' ".

Offertory Prayer

BY REVEREND T. K. CHIU

O Lord, our God!
To the preaching of the good tidings of salvation:
We consecrate our gifts.
To the teaching of Jesus' way of life;
We consecrate our gifts.
To the healing of broken lives:
We consecrate our gifts.
To the leading of every little child to the
knowledge and love of Jesus:
We consecrate our gifts.
To the caring for helpless age, and the relief of all
who look to us for help:
We consecrate our gifts.
To the evangelization of all humanity, and to the
coming in fullness of the Church of God:
We consecrate our lives!
''Blessing and honour, and glory and power,
be unto Him that sitteth on the throne,
and to the Lamb for ever and ever!'' Amen.

"Ye are the Light of the World"

THIS is the theme of the **Evening Department Conference for the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario,** which is being held in Melville Presbyterian Church, Montreal over the week-end of May 14th and 15th, Saturday and Sunday.

This theme will be high-lighted by such brilliant speakers as the Moderator, The Right Reverend C. Ritchie Bell, Miss Laura Pelton, the Reverend Charles C. Cochrane, and Mrs. Arthur W. Pae. We plan also to give you an insight into our Port Work, Chinese, Italian and French work.

All this awaits you in Montreal, where the fellowship of meeting old friends and making new ones, and talking over the work of the Department, will be of interest to you all. How else can you spend a more worth-while week-end? We are looking forward to seeing you . . . . don't disappoint us!

Contact your Auxiliary Secretary if you plan to attend she will have the registration forms and the details.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

AS the study year on China draws to a close let us ask ourselves—Have we made use of all the information on China that is available? Quite a number of books have been mentioned on these pages and in the Book List—How many of them have we read?

If we have missed some of the books let us not miss one which is edited by Chester S. Miao and which will serve as a good summary of many of the things we would wish to remember—CHRISTIAN VOICES IN CHINA.

Most of the voices which speak to us through the pages of this book are those of Chinese Christians, a few are of missionaries who have been in China long enough to identify themselves with the people of that country and their needs.

These Christian voices tell us many things. They impress upon us the urgency of the present—''Now is the time''; they tell us that ''China's illness'' is ''fundamentally a spiritual one'' as she stands between two epochs—''the dying idealistic culture of her magnificent yesterday and the coming new culture of tomorrow''; of the opportunity offered the Christian Church for ''Many a youth in schools and colleges is even knocking at the door of Christ for his way of life''; of the lack of leadership and the need for more missionaries, ''not necessarily great theologians'' but those who have had a ''vital Christian experience''; of the weakness and the strength of the Church in China; of the problems and difficulties confronting Christianity in Communist areas; of the ''New Womanhood in Old China''; of the family life which is so important for ''If Christianity is to be rooted in a culture it must be rooted in the family''; of evangelism among University students; of how the Christian message is being presented to the Chinese farmer; of the ministry of healing; of the great possibilities in Christian Literature; and finally the voices tell us of the beginning and development of the ''Border Mission—An Oasis in a Vast Human Desert''.

Truly CHRISTIAN VOICES IN CHINA is worthy of careful reading. If this book is not in your own or your Auxiliary Library see that it finds a place there and is circulated among the members of the Auxiliary.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

What Some Auxiliaries Did Last Year

ONE Auxiliary whose members were few asked each member to secure one Home Helper. As a result 15 new members were enrolled. This year each member is asked to bring one younger member.

The problem of decreasing membership in one Auxiliary was being faced by a canvass of the congregation under the direction of a membership convener.

Another Auxiliary divided into two groups each with a captain, and the side that secured the most members was entertained by the losers.

Visiting and entertaining other Auxiliaries has added much to friendship, enjoyment and interchange of ideas.

A Family Night in the church with all groups taking part strengthened the bond between all the groups in the congregation.

Senior groups have done much to encourage junior groups by knowing more intimately their plans by visiting them, by presenting seals in Junior memberships, by giving treats to the children's groups.

Some Auxiliaries sent one girl or more to camp or to a group leader's week-end camp—a good investment in youth training.

Another Auxiliary had lost so many of its members that the younger women's group decided they would join them, a fine spirit.

In some places the Auxiliary and the W.A. meet together with two sets of officers so every member is fulfilling both her obligations.

An Auxiliary member moved to a small hamlet where she found that no religious service of any kind was held. She secured Sunday School papers and copies of *The Glad Tidings* and *The Record* from her former church and distributed them. Now she is happy to report that a Sunday School has been started. The missionary spirit has been carried by this woman into this new location.

This motto hangs in one member's home:

I am but one, but I am one
I cannot do *everything*
But I can do *something*
What I can do, I *ought* to do
What I *ought* to do
God helping me—*I will do.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

"Camps"

ARTICLE IV.

"I HAVE often heard about our church camps but I had never realized until to-day that they were anything more than a holiday for those who attended."

This remark was made by a young woman who had just been hearing about the possibilities there are in our church camps for reaching our children and young people with the message of Christianity. I think her case is similar to that of many other church members who do not know that we carry out definite programmes of Bible Study, Mission Study and Leadership Training at our camps. Because of the concentrated programme that can be carried on over a period of days and because of the influence of leaders and of campers in their own age groups, many young people in our Church to-day realized for the first time at camp that Christianity has a direct and personal meaning for them whatever their age. Indeed it can be said that one of the most effective methods of reaching our young people in this particular day is through the medium of our camps.

The Women's Missionary Society has long realized the importance of camps in the life of our Church and to this end have tried to promote camp work whenever possible. This has been done by grants or loans of money to the camps, usually for buildings or equipment or to help bring leaders to camp. Another way we have helped is in providing personnel for our camps. Our missionaries home on furlough have often given leadership and our deaconesses and regional secretaries usually spend part of the summer at camp.

Every Synod of our Church now has at least one camp site within its bounds, in some cases more than one. The most recent additions to our camps have been "Peace Memorial Camp" near Lancaster, Ontario, which serves the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa and one at Robert's Creek, which serves British Columbia. In addition to these, certain Presbyteries or congregations sometimes rent camp sites for a period of time—or make their own. We all read with interest last fall that Miss Marjorie MacKay, one of our deaconesses, had been able to conduct a camp in Kootenay Presbytery, by borrowing tents and putting up a wooden building for which the lumber and labour were donated. Then we have our own Westminster Camp on Lake Simcoe (the only camp which the Women's Missionary Society owns and operates itself), which is used primarily for leadership training purposes. We used to think of camps merely as a place for children, but during the past few years we have become more aware of the possibilities of adult camps, particularly for leadership training such as those operated at Westminster Camp. Most of our camps now include in their summer programme a camp for adults as well as camps for boys, girls and young people.

As we give our offerings for missions this month, let us think about our camps as an important part of the work of the Church in which we have a share. Let us remember to pray for those who will attend camp this summer and those who will lead them. Look in *The Glad Tidings* and *The Record* for further information about our Church camps. Perhaps there will be one that you or someone you know could attend.

—Mrs. D. R. Sinclair.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

"MARGOT" said Claire as they left the Church where their C.G.I.T. meeting had just been held, "Why do you suppose Miss Robertson is so keen about our bunch going to camp this year? Surely camp can't be as much fun as she says it is. I thought you had to work pretty hard taking courses and things all the time. I don't call that fun."

"Wherever did you get that idea, Claire? Why camp is simply super, absolutely tops! I just can't believe that it's time to plan for it again. Wouldn't it be fun if seven or eight of our bunch could all go to camp!"

"But you know you did take courses or lessons or something last year, Margot. When you came home you had so much to tell us of the interesting time you had in nature study. And what about all those things you were making for Christmas gifts? Didn't you learn to make them at camp? I really don't see how you could have had much time for fun", ended Claire triumphantly.

"I don't know why it seems this way" said Margot dreamily, "But just everything is fun at camp and there is all kinds of time for swimming, hikes, and games as well as learning how to 'do' things. I know why Miss Robertson wanted us to go. She says it's just about the finest experience possible for girls of our age and I say she is absolutely right. Do try to come, Claire, you'd love camp.''

Yes, now that spring is really here again our teen-agers all over Canada are again planning to go to camp. Leaders are heartily recommending that they do so for like ''Miss Robertson'' they know the tremendous value of camps in the life of our young people. For many of them it is their first time away from the comforting security of an adoring family. Here they have a glorious opportunity of learning how to get along with other people, which is perhaps life's most important lesson. They learn how to work with others as well as how to play and here they are given a chance to really be themselves—not just a small part of a family. Is it any wonder that leaders and girls who have had this experience want others to share in it, too?

Camp preparations have been going on for many months. Camp Committees in each Province have been planning and working in order to secure the best leaders for their camps. Directors are carefully chosen and it is a fine person indeed who meets all the requirements for leaders and other workers. Careful supervision is given at all of our camps. Parents can be assured that their daughters will be associating with the finest type of leader, whose influence will without doubt have a beneficial effect on the life of the girls with whom she comes in contact. Living, working and playing in the company of these fine people has in itself a wonderful effect on many of our girls and is one of the important benefits obtained at camp.

May we again suggest to Sunday School executive officers, Boards of Session and Women's Missionary Society groups that by sending (that is making it financially possible) one or two girls who may possess qualities of potential leadership to attend leadership camp they may not only be giving a wonderful opportunity to a teen-ager, but in addition may be ensuring competent leadership for groups within the Church. This has become a regular practice in many Churches and has been found to be most successful.

Let's all do our part in encouraging our young people to attend camp this summer.

CORRECTION.—There appeared in March issue of *Glad Tidings* the announcement of a new Young Women's Auxiliary. The group named was the Mary Baker Young Women's Auxiliary, Hamilton. Unfortunately some of our information was incorrect. The group is the Mary Baker McQuesten Young Women's Auxiliary and it is not a new group. Its birthday was two years ago. We apologize for this error and hope that the group may continue successfully for many years to come.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

THERE is great satisfaction in again having a Children's Secretary on Council Executive. Most cordially do we welcome Mrs. Gordon Wallace, who has accepted that responsibility. We trust she will find satisfaction as she gives of her talents and time to this department of the Society's work.

We hope some of our children's leaders are planning to attend Leadership Training Camps this summer. In addition to the instruction given there is happy fellowship and much informal discussion about methods of solving problems arising in the various parts of the work. A week-end camp for children's leaders and Sunday School teachers at Westminster camp, May 27th-29th, has been planned. Information about this camp has been sent to Presbyterials which are in an area near enough to the camp that transportation will not be a problem. Also it is expected that again there will be an Adult Camp at Christopher Lake, at which there will be sessions particularly for Children's and Girls' leaders.

Children Home Helpers packets, number three, are now ready for distribution. These packets are for children who are not able, because they live a distance from meetings, or for other reasons, to attend Mission Band or Explorer gatherings. Children who are given packets should be contacted by the leader from time to time and made to feel they are a part of the children's group, and enrolled as members. Some of our leaders have already asked for packets. Will others who are interested please write to the Children's Work Secretary for as many copies as they think they can use?

—*Lily M. Macarthur.*

Radio Broadcast for Christian Family Week

The Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches is sponsoring a series of Radio Broadcasts for Christian Family Week, May 2nd to 8th, 1949, from transcriptions made available by the Upper Room, Nashville, Tennessee. These broadcasts include dramatization of family situations and point toward a Christian solution of family problems.

Thirty-four radio stations from Vancouver Island on the west to Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton in the east will carry this series of six fifteen-minute broadcasts. Look in your local newspaper during ''Christian Family Week'' May 2-8, for the exact time of these broadcasts.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kootenay Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, Kimberley. Pres., Mrs. H. G. McLure; Treas., Mrs. B. D. Brenton; Sec., Mrs. Peter Misken.

Mission Band, Nelson. Leader, Mrs. K. D. Carmichael, 1322 Josephine St., Nelson.

Victoria Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Duncan. Pres., Mrs. R. S. Stevens (pro tem); Treas., Mrs. William Brown; Sec., Mrs. E. Arnott, Box 1450, Duncan.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Elena MacKay Evening Auxiliary, Tisdale. Pres., Mrs. R. E. McKie; Treas., Mrs. H. Jensen; Sec., Mrs. L. Stephenson, Tisdale.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial—Mission Band, Cranberry Portage. Leader, Mrs. Sam Anderson, Cranberry Portage.

Ladies' Guild, Cranberry Portage. Pres., Mrs. E. Enright; Sec. Treas., Mrs. F. Barnes, Cranberry Portage.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Explorer Group. Willowvale Church, Flin Flon. Leader, Miss Margaret Boyd, General Delivery, Flin Flon.

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—Explorer Group, First Church, Chatham. Leader, Miss Ruth E. Stewart, General Delivery, Chatham.

Mildred Gehman Young Women's Auxiliary, Erskine Church, Hamilton. Pres., Miss Margaret Dixon; Sec.-Treas., Miss Betty Baker, 66 Locke St. N.

C.G.I.T. Group, St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton. Leaders, Miss Margaret Carnegie, 110 Burton St., and Miss Lyla Park, 28 Norway Ave.

C.G.I.T. Group, St. Cuthbert's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Mrs. O. R. Farnan, 6 Kipling Road.

Margaret Weaver Guild, Knox Church, Hamilton. Leader, Miss Margaret Allan, Upper James.

Toronto and Kingston

Guelph Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Knox Church, Acton. Leader, Mrs. D. C. Maplesden, Acton.

Mission Band, Elmira. Leader, Mrs. J. W. McQuibban, Elmira (re-organized).

Toronto Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto. Leader, Mrs. Mason, 713 Ossington Ave., Toronto 4.

Montreal and Ottawa

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—Mission Band (re-organized), Almonte. Leader, Mrs. Edgar J. H. Lowry, Box 417, Almonte.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY Presbyterial—At a recent meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, Creston, Mrs. W. K. Brown, one of the charter members, was honoured. The address was read by Mrs. J. W. Dow. Missionary papers were read by Mrs. M. J. Beninger and Mrs. P. Robinson.

Westminster Presbyterial—The Margaret Webster C.G.I.T. groups of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Chilliwack, held their re-affiliation service in the church on Friday evening, March 18th.

Parents and members of the congregation attended and after the service the girls invited their guests to step through a map into China. They were met by Chinese guides who took them on an imaginary tour of our Church's mission fields.

A business meeting was conducted by Eleanor Hodgins, president of the Senior group and a review of the year's activities given by Margaret Murie. Miss Grace Mackay, newly appointed regional secretary for the Women's Missionary Society, was introduced as our special guest and she told of her work.

The C.G.I.T. conducted Chinese games and this was followed by a sing song, which included Chinese songs. Lunch too, was in Chinese style, the girls served tea and rice which had to be eaten with tiny chopsticks. Coolies brought sandwiches in baskets suspended from poles. The evening closed with taps.

Mrs. Daniels, a missionary with many years' experience in India, recently addressed Fairview Auxiliary, Vancouver. Mrs. Wests who had conducted the Study Book talks for the year is leaving shortly for a new church life in Montreal. She was presented with a book, by Mrs. Wilson.

A spring Thank-offering meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. Henry, Bradner. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. M. Clifford, brought greetings. The guest speaker, Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, gave a brief outline of her work. As new work is commencing in Bradner, Miss Mackay will be of great assistance.

ALBERTA

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MACLEOD Presbyterial—The Presbyterial annual meeting was held in St. John's Church, Medicine Hat, with delegates present from Lethbridge, Macleod and Medicine Hat. The meetings were presided over by Mrs. E. King of Medicine Hat.

The morning session was opened with a devotional period conducted by Mrs. J. Ringland, Macleod. Reports were read and discussed. These showed very gratifying progress in all departments and that a much larger allocation has been met. During the luncheon hour the Reverend R. L. Taylor, Moderator of Synod, brought greetings from Presbytery and told of future plans for the extension of the work of the Church in Medicine Hat.

Mrs. E. L. Garvin, Lethbridge, conducted the devotional period in the afternoon, after which a splendid address was given by Miss Athalie Read, telling of the work being done in the Peace River Country.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
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PRINCE Albert Presbyterial — (Editor's note—An interesting story of a "China Night" held by Tisdale Girls' Auxiliary appears on preceding pages of the magazine.)

St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, Tisdale, had as their guests the Happy Helpers Mission Band and Girls' Auxiliary, following their monthly meeting on March 10th in the Church Hall. An enjoyable sing song was conducted. Then Mrs. Cresswell gave a most inspiring story on "The Power of Prayer". She left this thought with us "God never fails us; if we ask we shall receive."

Regina Presbyterial—Members of the "Bujalay" senior C.G.I.T. group of First Church, Regina, were entertained by the Laura Pelton Young Women's Auxiliary and the Edna Bell Evening Auxiliary of First Church. The occasion was the graduation of the senior C.G.I.T. group into the Laura Pelton Auxiliary. At the same time the members of the latter Auxiliary moved on to the Edna Bell group. The "Bujalay" group is one whose members have associated throughout their intermediate and senior C.G.I.T. days and who are all members of the Sunday School class. The group has been under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Vickers since its organization, and she will continue to serve as leader of their Auxiliary. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, was the guest speaker at the service and spoke fittingly to the girls. She stressed the need for more missionary-minded Christian workers and pointed out the many opportunities for service both in Canada and overseas. Mrs. N. D. Kennedy, wife of the minister of First Church, and Mrs. R. A. Tate, President of the Women's Federation of First Church, were special guests.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — "Every young woman has a responsibility in the missionary enterprise of the Church," said Miss Ruby Walker when she addressed the annual meeting of the Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. "There is still need for more leaders and more active membership interested in furthering the work of Christ's kingdom." "Never", she claimed, "was there a time when missionaries were more needed, for only the message of Jesus Christ could solve the problems of the world to-day."

Despite the cold weather, several delegates from outlying districts were present at the opening session. The Biggar Auxiliary, a newly organized group was responsible for the devotional period. The 1948 allocation had been exceeded and all other reports showed an encouraging increase. During the discussions on the various reports it was pointed out that only 25 per cent. of the Auxiliaries had girls' organizations. There was a strong children's department but concern was expressed for the training of teenagers. They were essential to the success of church activity, for they were needed for future leaders.

The Reverend M. A. Mark, assistant to the Superintendent of Western Missions, was the principal speaker, and he said that Western Canada could be regarded as one vast mission field. There were areas without churches by the score and dozens of places without Christian leadership of any kind. Children were growing up without receiving Christian instruction. The greatest missionary need at the moment, he said, is new workers, new ministers and deaconesses and money with which to support them. He believed that the Presbyterian Church had been preserved for special work, to meet a peculiar need and to do distinct service in Western Canada.

At this meeting delegates heard a delightful chorus from the Parkview Girls' Guild, and greetings from the Presbytery given by the Reverend E. S. Mackay. A round table discussion was held on the importance of a prompt, brief and carefully prepared business meeting and a well planned service of worship. Also under discussion was the manner in which attractive posters, displays and pictures could help to make the subject informative and inspirational. Miss J. E. Walls, who has been the very efficient treasurer for Saskatoon Presbyterial for several years, was elected to the Presidency.

MANITOBA

Mrs. James Gibb, 308 South Marks St., Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

SUPERIOR Presbyterial — On March 17th a very well attended meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, was held in the Guildroom. Mrs. W. S. Nairn presided and members of the Evening Guild took charge of the Mission study, a study dealing with our pioneer field in Taiwan. The president thanked those taking part in the programme.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, Winnipeg, February 23rd, 1949. The theme was "The World for Christ". Ladies of First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, led in the service of worship. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, president, welcomed all delegates. Mrs. Bradley in her remarks made reference to the Women's Inter-Church Council and to the work they do to promote the World Day of Prayer. Reference was made to the new Constitution and it was suggested that it be studied in all Auxiliaries. Mrs. Bradley stressed discussion of the work of the Society among fellow members. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, addressed the meeting and told of new groups being organized. She told the delegates they had come together because they were interested in Jesus Christ, that they would be presented with high ideals and it is their duty to take them back to their groups. Reference was made to the work at Carragana and at Flin Flon. Mrs. Paget, a missionary on furlough from India addressed the meeting. She spoke of the changes in India in the last five years. The morning session closed with prayer by Mrs. J. C. Gibbs of Norwood Auxiliary. Lunch was served and greetings were brought by Mrs. LeCocq, Synodical President and from Superior and Brandon Presbyterials by Mrs. D. Allison. Mrs. F. Miller gave an appeal for clothing for the Canadian Church Relief Abroad.

Devotions beginning the afternoon session were conducted by ladies of St. John's Auxiliary, Winnipeg. Finance Secretary, Mrs. Lang, reported that the allocation had been exceeded. An address was given by Mrs. C. C. Chow, wife of the Vice-Consul for China. She spoke of the position of the Chinese women down through the years, old traditions have been broken down and now girls are being sent to school, to University and to business schools. Mrs. LeCocq spoke to the gathering on the theme "Word Pictures of the Bible". She also presided during the election and installation of officers. The afternoon session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Watson of Kenora Auxiliary. During the supper hour, greetings were brought by Reverend D. E. Flint, Moderator of Presbytery, and from the Inter-Church Council by Mrs. C. E. Fryer. The Reverend D. W. Campbell spoke of the work done among the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. Mrs. Watson of Kenora spoke of the work done at the Cecilia Jeffrey School.

The evening session was given to reports on the work of young women given by Miss Jane Dunwoody and Miss Elsie Miller. The service of worship was led by Norwood C.G.I.T. A very impressive talk was given by Miss Catherine Heighton who told how she had become interested in missions through attending camp. Closing words were given by Mrs. D. E. Flint, who based her remarks on the 121st Psalm.

The Explorers of St. James Church, Winnipeg, held a Chinese concert and tea on Monday, February 21, at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall. Guests were greeted at the door with ''Have you eaten rice?'' by Chief Explorer, Florence Axcel and a group of girls dressed in Chinese costumes. With Maureen Harper acting as narrator, the junior Explorers showed a movie on China which they had made at preceding meetings and this was followed by a recitation by Rosaleen Smythe. The senior Explorers presented a dramatization of part of the book *Dike Against The Sea.* The cast included Betty Ann Sculthorpe, Dolores Dunn, Joanne Wright, Maureen Rae and Elinor Jean Petrie. The Explorers then sang ''Jesus Loves Me'' in the Chinese language. The programme closed with a solo by Joanne Wright. Betty Ann Sculthorpe acted as chairman. Tea was served at the close of the evening. This Explorer Group has as its leader, Miss Margaret Hill with Miss Ruth Bell as her assistant.

The February meeting of Old Kildonan Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. R. Brodie Anderson; a number of Home Helpers were present. A portion of the Study Book for each month is shared by two members. Mrs. D. E. Flint and Mrs. C. Smith were the speakers for this meeting. The good wishes of the members were extended to Mrs. Anderson who contemplates a lengthy visit to Toronto to be with her daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. R. Killenbeck. We wish Mrs. Anderson God's blessing in her new surroundings.

Several of the women of St. James Church, Norwood, who have been interested in the work of the Society and find it impossible to attend the regular afternoon meetings, decided to form an Evening Auxiliary. With the guidance of Miss Ruby Walker a meeting was held. After a short devotional period and a brief outline of the work and background of the work of the Society, the election of officers took place. Miss W. Nash was elected president. This group will meet every third Monday of the month at the homes of the various members. Here is a new group who hope to increase in number and further the work of the Women's Missionary Society by their united prayers and study of Christ's Kingdom.

The recently organized Explorer group at Willowvale Church had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Ruby Walker to their regular meeting. Officers were installed to their new offices in an impressive service conducted by Miss Walker. Sixteen boys and girls are enrolled in the group and there is much interest and enthusiasm manifested at each expedition. The study, *Dike Against The Sea,* is being followed and handwork suitable to the theme of China constitutes a part of each week's programme.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society will be held in Knox Church, Goderich, May 10, 11, 12. The convener of the billeting committee is Mrs. W. C. Dunlop, Britannia Road, Goderich.

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—A particularly interesting address was given by Miss Christine McGregor at the March Auxiliary meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound. Briefly she traced the growth of Protestantism from the Reformation down through the years, especially Presbyterianism from its inception in the Free Church of Scotland until we see it as it is to-day in Canada, blossoming forth in all its spiritual strength. An outstanding event at this meeting was the honouring of four of its members by presenting them with Life Membership certificates, pins, and addresses.

Chatham Presbyterial—Upon retiring from office, after many years of faithful service, Mrs. Wm. McVean and Mrs. C. R. Gammage of Knox Auxiliary, Dresden, were presented with Life Membership pins. ''Live with Christ'' was the theme for the March meeting of Knox Senior Auxiliary, Windsor, conducted by Mrs. A. Matheson.

At the March meeting of Duart Auxiliary Mrs. McLaren stressed the need of Bibles in other lands. In some countries, eager seekers after the Word of God, can borrow Bibles for one week only.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Under the leadership of Mrs. O. R. Farnan, a C.G.I.T. group has been formed in the new St. Cuthberts' Church, Hamilton. The Margaret Weaver Guild of Knox Church, Hamilton, recently has been organized with Miss Margaret Allan in charge. Erskine Church, Hamilton, also reports a new Young Women's Auxiliary under the leadership of Miss M. Dickson. Dundas Church reports a new Young Women's Auxiliary group with Mrs. Lowndes as president.

Over 300 members and friends gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Erskine Auxiliary, Hamilton. Mrs. D. Munro, president of Hamilton and London Synodical, and Miss A. J. Ritchie, Presbyterial president, brought greetings and Miss Grace Pringle read an interesting history of the Auxiliary. Mrs. F. Hunter cut the birthday cake.

Huron Presbyterial — The Arthur Circle Auxiliary of Goderich already has acted upon the Presbyterial's 1949 motto, ''Increased Membership'' having added 17 new members to their roll.

During C.G.I.T. week on February 15th the group of Knox Church, Goderich, presented a ''Variety Concert'' and a bazaar, both of which were most successful. A particularly gracious gesture on the part of this same group was the presenting of this concert to the folks at the Huron County Home in Clinton. On Sunday this group took charge of the morning service. The minister, Reverend R. G. MacMillan, co-operated by preaching a sermon especially for the young folk. The church decorations of cut flowers, provided by the C.G.I.T., were later taken to the hospital.

The Mission Band of Knox Church, Goderich, made 25 attractive red crepe tablecloths and filled 100 cellophane bags with candy and a big red heart. These were delivered as a Valentine gift to the Home for the Aged at Clinton and as one person put it ''The cheer these gifts brought to those lonely old folk was something to remember.''

The congregation of Caven Church, Exeter, recently honoured the memory of one of its most faithful and devoted members, when at the morning service a plaque was unveiled by Miss M. Brown and dedicated by the minister, Reverend D. R. Sinclair, to Miss Laura M. Jeckell. Mr. Sinclair took his text from Hebrews 12: 12. He pointed out how the history of a congregation is made up by the life and work of the few truly devoted persons in each generation; such a person was Miss Jeckell.

London Presbyterial—On the Sunday evening preceding C.G.I.T. week, the C.G.I.T. group of St. George's Church, London, had charge of the evening service. Mrs. R. Stewart, a former deaconess, gave the address and the choir was composed of C.G.I.T. girls.

At a ''Get-Together'' held on Thursday, February 24th in London, Miss Robb of Alma College spoke on ''Leadership'' to all C.G.I.T. leaders and presidents of Women's Missionary Society Auxiliaries and Women's Associations in those churches in which a C.G.I.T. group is functioning. The girls put on a short play depicting their work.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Brigden Auxiliary recently heard a timely address prepared by Mrs. J. Mannen, ''Let not thy hands be slack.'' Camlachie Auxiliary installed their new officers at the January meeting. Mrs. A. Hillier is president. The topic for the afternoon was ''Serve''.

The Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, Sarnia, held a very successful tea in January. With a portion of the proceeds they are honouring two of their faithful members with Life Membership certificates which are to be presented at the Easter meeting, when Cuthbertson and Pioneer Auxiliary of Wyoming will be guests and take charge of the programme.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, is preparing a series of discussions on ''Where can we find God?'' This is to be dealt with under three headings, ''In the Bible'', ''In Prayer'' and ''In the Church''.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial — The executive of the Presbyterial met at the home of Mrs. E. O. Rawson. Mrs. George Murray was in charge of the devotions. Delegates were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Synodical Society to be held in Peterborough, April 26, 27, 28. The annual meeting of the Presbyterial is to be held in Collingwood on May 10th.

Guelph Presbyterial — The Presbyterial suffered a loss in the passing to her eternal rest on Saturday, March 5th of Miss Isobel McLellan of Guelph. A charter member of Knox Auxiliary, Guelph, and first Presbyterial President after Church Union, Miss McLellan had been a member of Knox Church for seventy years, teaching in the Primary Department of the Sunday School for over thirty-five years. She was also a charter member of the Mission to Lepers. The many who can testify to the good influence of her life will be a lasting memorial to her.

Orangeville Presbyterial — At the January meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Caledon East, Reverend Cunningham spoke on conditions in China as he saw them while serving in China for twelve years. Our Auxiliary lost one of its faithful members on January 29th when Mrs. Mary Smith, Honorary President and a life member, passed away in her 93rd year. Born in Caledon Township Mrs. Smith was an active member up to the time of her death.

Correction — The McLaren Mission Band, Brampton, celebrated its sixtieth (not sixteenth) anniversary in 1948.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. J. R. Hill, 250 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Press Secretary

GLENGARRY Presbyterial — A large gathering of members from the various Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial attended the 35th annual meeting in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on February 22nd. The president, Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, presided at all sessions assisted by Mrs. H. Doig, Recording and Mrs. R. Millar, Corresponding Secretaries. Encouraging reports from all departments revealed sustained activities and increased givings and arrangements are completed for the annual Synodical meeting in Cornwall in April. The annual summer rally will be held in Kenyon Presbyterian Church on May 19th when the guest speaker will be the Reverend T. K. Chiu, pastor of the Church of Christ in Kunming, China, now in Toronto. The Reverend H. Doig brought greetings from Presbytery and installed the newly elected officers.

Montreal Presbyterial — The Young Women's Rally of Montreal Presbyterial was held in First Church, Montreal, on January 31st. The special speaker was Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, who had accompanied her husband, Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, when he attended the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam last summer. Mrs. Bell gave a picture of conditions as they exist in Europe. The speaker made very real the test the people are being put to in the choice between accepting the promise for physical safety and the uncertain future for those who stand for the principles of Christianity and freedom. The story was told of an Austrian clergyman who after three days with no food for himself, his wife and children, did not forget to give thanks when they sat down to a meal of cooked cattle fodder. Mrs. Bell pointed out that there are many ways in which we—greatly blessed Canadians—can help. Miss Mary Ferguson was in the chair and Mrs. Alan Hooker, Ormstown, led in devotions. A Young Women's Auxiliary was organized in Montreal West Church on February 7th with eleven charter members.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Business women of Ottawa were given an exceptional opportunity to attend a noon-day session of the World Day of Prayer on March 4th, and they responded to it wholeheartedly. Civil Service authorities extended the noon hour on that day to all wishing to take part in this service, and ten minutes before the time of opening the streets leading to Dominion United Church were thronged with young girls and women on their way to it. It had been planned to hold the service in the Sunday School hall, but it was soon apparent that the church itself would be required. Even this auditorium which seats over 2,000 people, was inadequate to accommodate all who were seeking to get in. Hundreds stood at the back of the church, on the stairways leading to the crowded galleries, and in the doorways, and many could not get in at all.

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Treasurer's Statement

March 31st, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Rent received from worker	$ 20.15
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey School	480.00
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	200.00
Missionaries' Personal Account	142.80
Workers' Annuity rates	550.47
Workers' Hospitalization rates	53.30
Miss Morton, Brantford, "Support of Native Worker, India"	10.00
Miss Margaret Thomson, Uxbridge	25.00
Synodical Societies:	
Toronto and Kingston	2,300.00
Hamilton and London	2,700.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	10.00
Montreal and Ottawa	920.00
	$7,411.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 166.66
Birtle, Government Grant	2,397.00
Cecilia Jeffrey School	158.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,054.55
Chinese in Canada	988.14
Deaconesses	767.26
St. Margaret's Centre	233.41
Children's Centres	510.22
Port Work	118.20
Organization	872.51
Supplies	949.92
Exchange	48.43
Publications	523.23
Administration	1,614.53
Deputation	241.22
Christian Literature	3,372.50
India:	
Bhil Field	5,535.65
Jhansi Field	4,448.70
Missionaries' Expenses	922.84
Formosa	1,777.62
Life Membership	195.35
British Guiana	979.57
China	2,005.00
Grants:	
Canadian School of Missions	100.00
Christian Medical College, Vellore, India, Building Fund	2,500.00
Christian Medical College, Vellore	500.00
Missionary and Deaconess Training School	300.00
Landour Hospital, India	100.00
	$35,380.83

RESERVE FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Final payment on Saskatoon Residence	$13,800.00
Interest	19.50
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	79.50
Pension Fund—	
Interest	45.00
	$13,944.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pension Fund—	
Annuity rates	$ 1,293.43
Purchasing Annuities for workers	596.72
Legacy Fund—	
Christian Literature for Formosa	500.00
American Bible Society, Ukrainian Bibles	25.00
Purchasing Medicine Hat Training School	10,000.00
Exchange	15.00
Overseas Fund—	
Mrs. Paul Rumball, Supplies for Korean Work in Japan	100.00
Mrs. T. K. Chiu, Supplies for her work in Kunming, China	500.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund:	
Miss Mary Sherrick, special studies	100.00
Students studying at Ludhiana Medical College (Special Gift)	250.00
Help for Students at the Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi, India	675.00
	$14,055.15

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY—*Continued from page 218*

To the ladies in charge great credit is due for so promptly and efficiently making new arrangements and for carrying out the service in so dignified and worshipful a manner. The response to this concession of extra time off is a guarantee of the interest taken by Protestant women of all Churches in a service of this kind. Attendance at the women's meetings in the afternoon was well above average also. At the meeting held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mrs. G. Scott Murray presided, and Mrs. Colin Miller of Knox Presbyterian Church spoke on the meaning of prayer. C.G.I.T. groups in all the churches observed this special prayer service at their regular meetings during the week.

At the recent meeting in Ottawa, Mrs. G. Scott Murray, First-Vice President of the Presbyterial and President of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Ottawa, was presented with an honorary life membership certificate by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta on behalf of the Presbyterial Executive. Mrs. George Ault, daughter of the recipient, presented her mother with the membership pin and bar. This was a happy and popular part of the programme.

ALBERTA

Red Deer Presbyterial—The February meeting of Knox Church, Carstairs, met at the home of Mrs. Downie. A pamphlet regarding the Penmarvian Home of Paris, Ontario, was read and all expressed this opinion that Mr. and Mrs. Penman had done a wonderful thing in giving such a home to the retired ministers and missionaries. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. Grace Kirkland.

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As I Saw India

BY MISS LAURA K. PELTON

Miss L. K. Pelton

ALMOST as long as I can remember I have dreamed of India. It has held a strange unexplainable fascination for me. When our round-the-globe tour finally brought us down at the Calcutta airport I said to myself—"India! At last!" I was full of expectancy ready to thrill to the wonder and the mystery of the great land which had ever stirred and held my imagination.

Perhaps it is not wise to dream too much of any one country or any one people. One's smattering of facts become so hopelessly rooted in a garden of fancy as to leave one ill prepared for the actual as compared with one's dreams. Be that as it may three months in India threw me into one of the most disturbing emotional upheavals I have experienced. At my age emotional upheavals are not readily acknowledged; but acknowledge it I must because I have a strong conviction that as a result of what India did to me I shall be able to understand a little better the task of our missionaries in that great and sad country.

How shall I describe it? How can any occidental interpret India? Certainly one who has spent only three months in the country can be sure of having satisfactorily learned one thing only: that she has only tripped the surface and touched the fringe of a land of strange contradictions, almost unbelievable contrasts and baffling mysteries whose secrets the western mind can never fully know. All that I should attempt or hope to do is write down: "As I saw India".

My very first impression was that of India's ability to contain within a comparatively small and concentrated area the sharply contrasted strands that go to make up what she is—a land of exhorbitant wealth and distressing poverty; of exquisite beauty and depressing drabness; of meticulous morality and saddening amorality; of pomp and glory and drabness and monotony; of surprising cleanliness and sickening filth; of shiboleths and foibles and startling lack of inhibitions; of cool soft sea breezes and hot torrid winds; of modern and ancient, new and old—all existing side by side. In Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, the two Delhis, in smaller cities and towns, palaces and hovels, scholars and coolies, merchants and beggars, luxury and filth existed side by side or moved as one stream, all part of the strange magic which is India. It wasn't that one was unprepared for these disconcerting contrasts. It was the effect of them upon one that was so disturbing. Why? I do not quite know. I only know that I was alternately thrilled and sickened, admiring and pitying, occasionally joyous, frequently sad, loving and loathing, hoping and despairing.

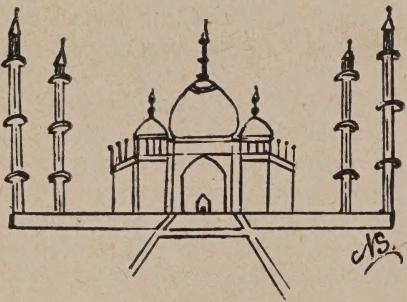
Bombay, Madras and New Delhi are beautiful cities with streets, buildings, homes and gardens unsurpassed in any part of the world we have visited. Every modern convenience is available to the visitor in the larger and better hotels. With scarcely an exception we found the Indians with whom we had any dealings, courteous, considerate, obliging and kind. The shops are attractive and stocked with almost every conceivable merchandise, much of which is at prohibitive prices for the modest purse. Interesting and varied conveyances are at one's disposal ranging from the old rickshaw, the proverbial tonga in the north, and its counterpart in the south to the swift modern taxi. White and brown, occidental and oriental mingle in the streets and in the hotels without curiosity towards one another.

And then the strange thing happens. One turns a corner and within the space of a block or two instead of the fine buildings, clean streets, colourful gardens and lovely parks, one has entered another India. It is an India of smells and dirt, of swarming, sweating, betel chewing, spitting, coughing humanity. It is the Indian bazaar.

All sorts of odd and strange shops line the streets with the extension of wares set out on stalls which fill the sidewalks making it all but impossible for the pedestrian to pick his way through the clutter of boxes, paper, tins and what not that lay in an untidy mess over the only available walking space.

Trinkets, novelties, souvenirs, cheap jewellery are the wares of some while others are piled high with a variety of fruit, sweets and other intriguing Indian food which inevitably provide a lunch counter for the million infected flies and insects of all breeds and sizes.

Here and there groups of men squat on the road or all but hidden between stalls at one or more of India's gambling games. Children, many of whom appear to belong to no one, scamper about grabbing discarded rotten fruit or sniping a scrap of sweet and all the while gathering up an army of germs. Constantly one hears the high pitched voices of venders and buyers at the stalls battering at one another over the price of commodities. Bargaining is a proclivity of the Indian and whatever congenital aversion to it the westerner may have, before too long he finds himself matching his wits with those of the amused cunning of the native.



The bazaar is one of the most interesting and fascinating features of the country's life. Here is the heart beat of urban India—sometimes gay, often sad, but never lonely.

Next to the bazaar the railway stations provide the visitor to India with a weird drama of life. Throngs of humanity shuffling about the platform; men in dirty dhotis, women in faded saris, children with runny noses and bared bodies, some begging, a few playing, coolies with stacks of luggage poised on their heads, here and there a prosperous looking family group, but for the most part an underfed mass of human beings with a wistful searching look in their tragically beautiful brown eyes. Trains in India seldom arrive on time. Occasionally they do not arrive at all. After having waited what seemed to us an interminably long time we would learn the expected train was indefinitely delayed as there had been sabotage on the line and the track had been blown up.

To the North American Continental the Indian trains are an annoyance. At least they were such to me. I always approached a journey with two anxieties: would one get aboard those terribly overcrowded trains and would one, without the ubiquitous trainman of this part of the world, know when to get off? The trains of India are of the early British type with no corridor into which the compartments open and no passage from coach to coach. Whenever we had to board a train at night the already irritating situation was aggravated by the uncertainty of a first class compartment being opened even though one might be in possession of a reservation. Further, should we be arriving at our destination in the wee small hours of the morning and by some miraculous turn of fortune discover it, would we ever succeed in getting the million pieces of luggage of the other occupants moved from in front of the door and would the elusive guard be on hand to open the door to extricate us?

Consistent with her contrasts, the plane service in India is one of the best in the world. They leave and arrive on time. The crews are excellently trained to give expert and courteous service. In fact, air travel in India is a comfort and a delight and at a cost not much in excess of first class train accommodation.

While there was so much to admire and so many to love, yet the general effect of India upon me was to leave me sickened and saddened. Day after day mingling with people only a crumb ahead of starvation, looking at little children with bellies distended as a result of swollen spleens and malnutrition, others hopelessly crippled and still others with repulsive infected open sores, watching women old before they had had an opportunity to be young, with much child bearing and burdened with heavy manual labour—such things could not but distress any one whose lot in life was much more fortunate. Of course not by any means does that represent the whole picture of India but it is part and a substantially large part of it.

There is another aspect of India's life that tugs painfully at the heart of a Christian. It is the knowledge that one is among a people who are bound and shackled by the chains of a relentless religion. Let no one think that there is not something of nobility and grandeur in Hinduism. There is. Many of the scholars know and have profited by it and some of the people in their faithful adherence to its noblest teachings are among the finest in the world. But for the large percentage of the masses, it is the superstition, the fatalism and hopelessness of Hinduism which is governing their thoughts and actions. Look carefully into their faces and sooner or later you will discover that the deepest tragedy of India's millions is that they do not know the Light who came into the world to liberate mankind from his chains, to free him from his fears, to give him life even in the face of death. And most tragic of all, the Hindu does not know a God of Love; yet no people in the world respond more spontaneously to a manifestation of love.

Certain it is that Christianity alone cannot and will not solve India's problems. There is a vast task for the political and economic leaders to achieve in that great land. But equally certain is the fact that no solution of the political and economic problems can ever bring to India life and life abundant unless they are found within the context of the Christian way of life. The Church of Jesus Christ has the message of God's redemptive love and this is the message which must form the foundation of India's future if she is to become the nation for which the God of all nations hopes and yearns.

NEWS
UP TO THE MOMENT

The Council Executive welcomes a new member, Mrs. Harry S. Reid of Parkdale Presbyterian Church.

Miss Irene Stringer sailed from New York on April 30. She is returning to India to do educational work on the Bhil field. This will mean a change in locale for her since she has served for many years among the people at Jhansi.

Spring is in the air these days and everyone connected with the Women's Missionary Society is flying around pursuing the work which seems peculiar to this time of year. Members of Council Executive and some of the secretaries have been attending Synodical annual meetings, Presbyterial gatherings and special Auxiliary meetings. Holidays are being planned and we are already looking forward to the Council meeting in Calgary.

Some of you have stated that you like the line cuts which we have been using the last few issues. We think it is time that you knew the artists. One of them is our own Miss Nellie Smith, who when she is not busy with a pen on line cuts, is pushing her pen keeping the books of our Society. The other lady who has served us well is Miss Jessie Scott, B.A., a teacher in Toronto schools and Community Centres.

Three regional secretaries were in Toronto the first part of May attending the Staff Conference sponsored by The Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. We did not see Miss Grace Mackay, British Columbia, Miss Athalie Read, Alberta or Miss Ruby Walker very often for they spent long hours in conference. Except for the complaints from friends and relatives who would have liked to have had a visit with them, the young women report having had a very profitable conference. They studied many phases of the work they do among teen-age and children's groups.

A few days ago members of the office staff were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Konstantin Sadko, Utrecht, Holland. Just prior to their visit, Mrs. Sadko had written to Miss Reith, our Literature Secretary, explaining that she wished to meet the people who had sent Ukrainian Gospels and Hymn books to them in Holland in 1946. Mrs. Sadko, who is accompanying her husband on a concert tour of this continent stated that the books which our Society sent to Holland had been put to good use. It was good to meet friends whom we had known only through correspondence. It was good too to know that the gift we had sent found a welcome and a use in a war-torn land.

From China: A letter from Mrs. Gehman.

IT would seem we are almost back to normal here. Trains have been running regularly this week and no rumours of bandit attacks along the line. How long it will last is anybody's guess. . . .

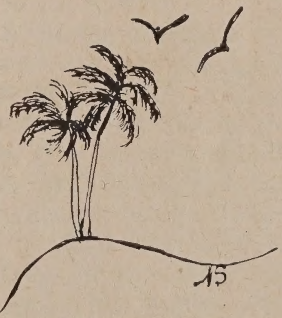
This has been a very busy month for us with the operating room busy all morning, no empty beds in the wards, and outpatients very busy and a waiting list of patients requestiong admission for operative treatment. We are short one graduate nurse and Dr. Clark cannot find either a dispenser or a nurse who is willing to travel even as far as Kaiyuan on the railway. So we haven't had any time to worry about being cut off from the rest of the world or even about bandits.

A German C.I.M. couple arrived here a week ago from Yuan Chang, five days by horseback west of here. They are now living with us and feel they have found a haven of protection after their bandit experiences. I quite agree with them after having such a time getting here and with them I have no desire to leave for a good time to come.

The truck road from Kueiyang to Kunming has been closed because of bandit activities for some time and we have received no magazines for two months now and we are missing them and are getting very short of reading material. Fortunately we had a fair supply of milk powder, tinned butter and coffee on hand. Most other necessities in the food line we can get here.

Miss Watkins and Pai Chao shih visit our ward patients regularly, teaching children's hymns to the children and a simple catechism. One little boy, 12 years of age, we call Peg-Legs who has been here almost six months, has already memorized half of the catechism and is ever singing some of the hymns he loves. I fear there will be tears shed when it comes time for him to go home. He was wounded quite some time before his people heard of our hospital and they brought him to us with one foot withered and black with bare bone above it. The amputation healed nicely but he still has a sinus from the old wound and may yet require another operation. In December when the hospital was full of wounded who had no money and the hospital didn't have enough money to buy the next day's food, a friend brought Peg-Legs $20.00. He asked the nurses to put it in a safe place for him. He owed us money so it was suggested he give up some of it for board, otherwise there wouldn't be any money for food for the patients. With tears streaming from his eyes he handed it all over. So went the money his friend had given him to buy oranges and candy. He is exceptionally bright and we wish we had the money to send him through school. His mother supports the home by making and selling herb drugs. His father is dead.

From British Guiana: A letter from Miss Ellen Anderson.



Miss Anderson was given a car, a flannelgraph and a projector with slides by our Society when she returned to British Guiana. She writes:

I was just looking to see how much mileage the car registered, and it is now 2,014. On Monday of this week we had a rather full but interesting day, which would be entirely impossible without the car. We went about sixty-two miles and were able to teach the Easter story with my new flannel-board pictures in three schools, then in two Women's Groups, and also in the evening we stayed and showed the Easter pictures with the projector to quite a large group. There must have been easily 250 people, and at least one hundred of those were adults. When I say ''we'', I mean that my deaconess, Mrs. Helena Singh, accompanies me, and gives excellent help. Sometimes she teaches in the lower grades while I take the upper. She, too, uses the flannel-board a great deal. The projector is serving a useful purpose. Every Thursday evening Mrs. Singh and I go down to a district in Georgetown and have an open-air meeting. We are getting four homes so that we can use each one once a month. Two of the homes are Christian (only the husbands in each case) and two are Hindu. The projector and slides and organ draw the people, and I feel that it is very worth-while. Before long I may have to ask for new slides, as these will not last so long in the same district. . . .

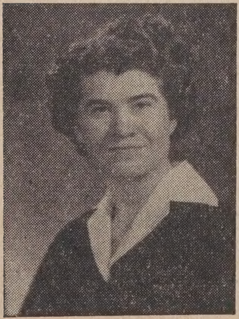
1949 Graduates of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School

Mrs. G. D. Ralston, B.A.
Principal

MRS. G. D. RALSTON, principal of the training school, has served the Church in that capacity for the past nine years. In that time a number of girls have gone from the school to take their places as deaconesses and missionaries throughout the world. Mrs. Ralston takes keen interest in planning the best possible training for young women who are called to serve the Master. She is always glad to answer questions and to give information concerning the school and the work it trains its students to do.

Gladys Dickson, B.A., is from Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1946 she graduated from United College, University of Manitoba. After teaching school for a year she came to the Deaconess Training School as a Special Student. During the summer of 1948 she worked in Portage la Prairie under the supervision of the Presbytery of Brandon. While at the School Miss Dickson was interested in the Presbyterian Fellowship, and during this past year was the School Librarian. Now she goes out to serve our Church in the Presbytery of Saskatoon.

Miss G. M. Dickson, B.A.



Miss Charlotte E. Farris

Charlotte Farris comes from Glencoe, Ontario. She attended Normal School at London, and thereafter contributed seven years of successful service to the teaching profession. Entering the Deaconess Training School in 1947 she has done highly creditable work throughout her Course, and won the General Proficiency Scholarship in her second year. In addition to acting on the Student Executive she participated in Presbyterian Fellowship activities. Miss Farris has been appointed to serve as Congregational Deaconess in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ontario.

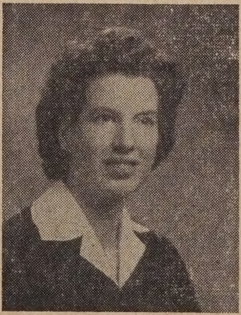
Agnes Hislop is from Meath Park, Saskatchewan. After graduating from Normal School she had two years teaching experience to her credit before entering the Deaconess Training School in 1947. At the conclusion of her first year she was awarded the General Proficiency Scholarship, and for two successive years has won the Alumnae Scholarship. During her second year at the School she served as Worship Convener. She spent the summer of 1948 working under the supervision of Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan Synodicals. Miss Hislop has been accepted as a candidate for overseas service by the W.M.S. (W.D.).

Miss Agnes Hislop

Miss M. MacNaughton, B.A.

Margaret MacNaughton comes from Briercrest, Saskatchewan. After completing her High School Course she entered the Normal School at Moose Jaw. She taught school successfully for two years before beginning the combined Arts and Deaconess Course in Toronto in 1945. While attending University her extra-curricular activities included service on the Executive of the Presbyterian Fellowship for three years and membership in the All-Varsity Mixed Chorus. For two summers she worked in Manitoba and Southern Saskatchewan assisting Miss Ruby Walker. Following her graduation this year Miss MacNaughton expects to undertake Deaconess work in Western Canada where she has always been very interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church.

Winnifred Ripley is from Armstrong, B.C. After graduation from High School in 1940 she took a business course in Vernon, B.C. In 1946 she entered the Deaconess Training School. During the two summer vacation periods Miss Ripley gave very acceptable service in the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Kenora, and Prince Albert Presbytery respectively. Throughout the three years of her Course she was a member of the Executive of the School, being Student President in her final year. It is expected that her work will be in Brandon Presbytery.



Miss Winnifred Ripley

Miss Helen Rose

Helen Rose came to us from Truro, Nova Scotia. She taught school successfully for three years after receiving her Normal School training. In 1946 she entered the Deaconess Training School where she completed the three year Course, being the winner of the General Proficiency Scholarship in each year of the Course. She won the prize offered this year by the Protestant Women's Federation of Canada in a special essay contest. Miss Rose is under appointment by the W.M.S., (E.D.).

Happy Holidays

BY REVEREND PERCY A. FERGUSON, B.A.

Mr. Ferguson, minister of Carmel Church, Hensall, Ont., is Convener of the Camp Committee for the Synod of Hamilton and London.

WHO does not love the out-of-doors in summer? Thousands of Canadians will this summer leave the heat and routine of city and town and farm, of factory, school and office, and seek enjoyment in the grand playgrounds our country provides. Throughout the expanse of this great land, in secluded bowers, by rolling lake and rippling stream, glad fellowship and relaxation will bring renewal of health and elevation of spirit. Nerves tired with the tension of modern living will respond to the healing power of nature's restful beauty.

Jesus loved the out-of-doors. So much of his teaching had its setting in nature. Listen to Him: "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow . . . Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these"; "A sower went forth to sow"; "Behold the fowl of the air . . . your Heavenly Father feedeth them"; (to the waves) "Peace, be still"; "I am the Vine and ye are the branches, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in Me". Out of the beauty and wonder of God's natural creation Jesus taught—faith, trust, duty.

The Church, too, must continue to teach these same abiding truths. Where can she teach better than amid the beauties of nature in summer? Church camps afford an unrivalled opportunity to fulfil a twofold mission: to provide children and youth with the privilege of a healthful vacation, and to gather them together for a period of concentrated Christian teaching. The very atmosphere of camp, with its programme from morning chapel to evening firelight pivoting the minds of the campers upon the reality of God and Christian truth, lays a foundation for disciplined living and true Christian Community.

It may be that the present-day emphasis upon camping is a revival in our day of the lost value of Christian community. Dr. George McLeod in his Iona Community is recalling to us the importance of people living together as Christians, and working out together the problems of community life. In Christ we are members one of another.

In our Church camps, through the spirit of happy comradeship, by daily worship, by Bible Study, by group crafts and games young minds are trained in Christian living and in the beauty of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness. Many of our ministers and deaconesses, and devoted laymen, and laywomen have come to dedicate their lives to Christ through the blessings of the Church's summer camps.

A much greater expenditure of money could justifiably be spent on our camping facilities, but the greatest and richest contribution of all is the service of the men and women who staff these camps and provide leadership, teaching, counsel and example to the campers. Without remuneration, sometimes at personal expense, and often at the sacrifice of precious vacation time they give themselves to this service. Yet what leader has not felt when camp was over that something infinitely good and blessed has come into one's own soul? A happy holiday becomes a happy Christian holiday. "I have come not to be ministered unto, but to minister." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

From Grayce Mackintosh, Regina.

To me camp was a thrilling experience, one a girl should not miss. There were the good times swimming and at different recreations where a girl learns the give and take of the world. Much was learned of God's great glory in the few minutes spent studying His Word. I think most of all I enjoyed the evening around the camp fire singing hymns. This hour seemed to hold a reverence which entered each individual, giving a feeling of oneness to the group. To me camp will be a memory long remembered.

A Day in Camp

Whrrrrrrrrrrrrr . . . .

"Good gracious! What in the world is that?" exclaimed Grace sitting bolt upright in bed.

"Calm yourself, dearie. That's just the rising whistle being played softly beneath your window. It's time to get up." Bea was already scrambling out of bed and pulling on slacks and shoes.

"It can't be that. I just got here. What is the time? Dawn certainly hasn't done more than make its first crack. I can't see the sun."

"You could if you pulled your face out from beneath those covers. It is a beautiful morning. Life in the city was never like this".

"The sun is a-shining to welcome the day. Come on everyone. Salutation in two minutes", the call could be heard all over the camp as the director made her rounds.

"Come on Gracie. Here's your overcoat and shoes. We'll just make it."

"The day really is lovely" thought Grace as she felt the cool air on her face, and the warm rays of the sun on her back. She glanced over the paper in her hand. "Look to this day, for it is life". Grace repeated the Salutation to the Dawn with the others.

"To-day well spent makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look then to this day". The group gathered in the circle glanced toward the director and with eyes involuntarily lifted to the skies sang "Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices." What a wonderful way to begin a day like this at camp. Surely this will be a *good* day.

"You will have half an hour for a dip and to dress", announced the director.

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"If my mother could see me now", called Grace. "Here am I, at seven fifteen in the morning recovering from a plunge in the lake. Usually at this hour she is trying all her schemes to get me out and off to work."

"Think how much better you feel, getting up this way", retorted Bea.

"Ye - - s, I guess so. What are you going to wear?"

"My bright blue shorts and my green blouse."

"Goodnight! You must be sick. . . . to wear that colour combination!"

"I'm feeling fine that's why I am going to wear those colours. Come there's the whistle for morning watch."

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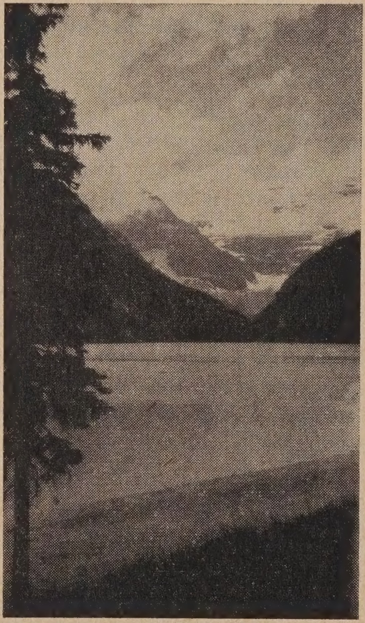
Once more the group assembled in a circle around the director. Once more they had papers in their hands.

"We will sing the Camp Hymn. It is printed on the sheets you have in your hands. You also have a copy of Morning Watch. As soon as we sing our hymn each morning, each one of us will go off quietly by herself and read the portion set aside for each day. Those who have camped know that this is a time we all look forward to. It is a time when in the quiet and beauty of the morning hour, we seek God." As she finished speaking she started the hymn: Give to Our God Immortal Praise.


"Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him."

Grace found a log which jutted out into the water. On the farther end of it she opened her Morning Watch pamphlet: "Foreword—to the Camper," she read. "The theme of the Morning Watch is Followers of the Way,

"One significant saying, taken from the teaching of Jesus, has been selected to help direct your thinking each morning at camp. Taken together these nine sayings will provide a guide to those who want to become followers of the Way—who would understand what it means and how to become a part of that great company who in all ages have known in their own lives the power of Christ and have followed His Way of Life. . . ." Grace finished the introduction and turned to "DAY 1: Followers of the Way have a purpose in life. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. . . ." The Scripture passage, Matthew 6: 25-34, and the comments set before the young girl, the challenge that God's Way presents to all who would accept it. As she thought about a purpose in her life, the words of the prayer on the printed page became her own: "O God, forgive me for just living from moment to moment with no great purpose or plan before me. Take my life now and direct it as Thou dost desire, that I may have a purpose in life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

With this prayer in her heart, Grace slowly made her way back to join her friends.

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"Come on over, you kids. There's room at this table." The girls took their places at the long table. Teddy the leader who last year had been in charge of sports and swimming was at the head of the table. They stood to sing: "O give thanks". Quietly the girls began their breakfast. Soon the sound rose as the girls enjoyed the fellowship of each other's presence. "Do I have to eat porridge?" asked Grace. "I never eat it at home. It makes me sick."

"That's what I thought last year," said Sally. "These wide-open spaces do things to your appetite. I really eat everything that is put in front of me at camp. It's good too. You'll see."

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"Stack the dishes girls," called Mickey the director. To the chant: "Stacking dishes, stacking dishes," the long tables were soon cleared. "Has everyone their song sheets?" Gaily the girls sang songs together. "Will the girls at the end of the table be responsible for collecting the song sheets? I want now, to make a few announcements. The pro-

Lodge at Christopher Lake

gramme for the day will be posted on cabin doors and here in the dining hall. The Bible study groups are listed and the members of interest groups. You will see from the announcements that certain duties are done by the Bible study groups. You find the task your group is to do to-day. Don't forget that there will be inspection of your dorms each day and a report made at noon. That gives you a half an hour to get the work of the day done. We will meet together at nine fifteen. There will be a whistle to announce that. When you hear it go to the front of the west cabins and we will walk to a place from which we will go to Bible study.''

''Whew, she doesn't give us much time for all that'', said Grace.

''O, don't worry about that, we get things done fast when we work together'', was the answer made by her friend. And it was so. Soon the dorms were as neat and tidy as mothers would want their rooms to be. ''If our dorm isn't the tidiest one, I am going to be very disappointed.''

''Ours is better than this'', said Joan, ''we have flowers''.

''There's the whistle, come on.''

''We will sing 'God who touchest earth with beauty' as we walk to the knoll that overlooks the lake. Will you sit down there while Robin leads us in prayer? Then each group can go to the place it has chosen for Bible study.'' With this announcement, Mickey started the hymn.

The prayer of the young leader found a place in Grace's mind. ''May we truly learn about Thy Son and the way He would have us live''. The words seemed to repeat themselves in her mind until she knew she wanted them to be true in her own life.

''The Life of Jesus From the Gospel of St. Mark'', Grace pondered the title of the booklet which was handed to her. She glanced through the pages as the members of the group settled themselves comfortably around a tree. The branches swayed gently in the breeze allowing just the right amount of sunlight to weave a golden pattern on the group. ''This Book is a reading guide. The gospel of St. Mark is the text book''. These were the opening sentences. ''A text book'', thought the girl, ''will this gospel or any other answer the questions in my mind about God, about religion, about Jesus?'' ''Who was this man Mark? How did he know about Jesus? Did he read the story in some other text, then add his own ideas?'' Grace flipped a few more pages: ''John Mark, the author of the Gospel according to St. Mark, lived in Jerusalem. He was still a young man at the time of the events of the last week of Jesus' life. The disciples often came to his house and were made welcome''. Grace thought again: ''This man knew Jesus. What he writes must be about what Jesus did and said. Does it matter to me what Jesus did and said? . . . Yes, it does. That is why I came to a Church camp.''

''I want you girls to try to help each other and to help me in these days at camp''. Robin the leader was speaking. ''I want you to feel that any question that comes to your mind about our study or about your own problems in religious thinking, may be discussed in confidence among us. If we work together and pray together, we should all have a profitable study.'' The girls thoughtfully opened their Bibles to the Gospel According to St. Mark.

Camper in Hindoo Costume

Grace was surprised when Mickey came around, blew her whistle—gently this time, and announced that there would be a half an hour free time, then they would join their interest group leader. ''I'm going to put on my shorts'', declared Bea. ''If the nature study group goes hiking maybe I can get some tan.''

''Come on over to the dining hall with me Joan'', invited Sally. ''I want to see the records Hi-C has brought for the music group to hear.''

''Okay, I'm not going in that group, but perhaps the music group and the dramatics group will get together on something for play night at camp fire. I wish I could hear those records and be in the plays too''.

''You don't want much Miss Joan, do you? What group are you taking Grace?''

''World Friendship''.

''Say, I heard the kids talking about that. Miss . . . from India is here for that group. They say she has costumes and all kinds of gadgets to show.''

''I know'', said Grace. ''That's why I'm going in the group. India just fascinates me. I hope we can model some of those clothes.''

''There's the whistle again. See you kids later'', and Molly dashed off to join the crowd gathering around Skippy who was leading the camp craft group.

''If it is agreeable to you girls'', said Miss . . . from India, ''I thought we might work out a skit, a pantomime or a little play to show a little of the life lived by some of the Indian people. I have costumes here, and I thought as we discussed the manner of living we might also think about the different religions there and talk about the way Christianity can help and is helping in various parts of the country. Perhaps first, you would like to look at the things I have here while I tell you how they are used.”

The hour passed quickly. They did not hurry away when the whistle blew. There were many questions they wanted to ask the missionary. She was so easy to talk to and she had many fascinating stories to tell.

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“Come and get it”, yelled the group responsible for setting the table. The call brought the crowd of hungry girls once more to places around the long tables in the dining hall. Soon the food had disappeared and once more gay tunes could be heard far out on the water. “It’s fun”, thought Grace, “It really is. I wonder why I put off coming to camp for such a long time.”

“Tuck shop will be open at one-forty-five”, announced Mickey. “By two o’clock, I expect you all to be resting.”

“Goodness, do we have afternoon sleeps here?” asked Grace.

“Sure we do,” answered Bea. “Get yourself a chocolate bar and a book and you’ll see how nice it is.”

“Okay, since we have to, I’ll get one of those books from the mission display. Be right with you.”

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“Whrrrrrr . . . .

“There’s that thing again, Bea. Mickey seems to give that whistle a terrific punch every time we are sleeping.”

“She knows it’s necessary to get you wakened Sleepy Head”, was the unsympathetic reply. “Hurry up. Dip and Dive are down on the beach ready for swimming”.

“I can’t swim. What do I do? Paddle?

“Of course not. They teach you to swim. That is if you want to. Anyway the swimming period is fun. That’s a cute suit. Come on, let’s see you get it wet”.

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Do we dress for dinner around here?” asked Grace as she brushed the water from her hair.

“Of course we do. Put on your warmest slacks and a sweater. It gets cool around the campfire.”

"What's next on the programme? I forgot to look at the list."

"I am going to the hand craft classes. I think you would enjoy them. We did leather work last year and I see that Crafty has some leather with her again. She knows some smart patterns for wallets and purses. But that's not all you can do. She knows lots of crafts. Come on over and see what's going on."

Crafty did have leather, and some samples of things which could be made. Grace at once decided she would like to try to make moccasins. We give you the privilege of working on some too. Follow the directions.

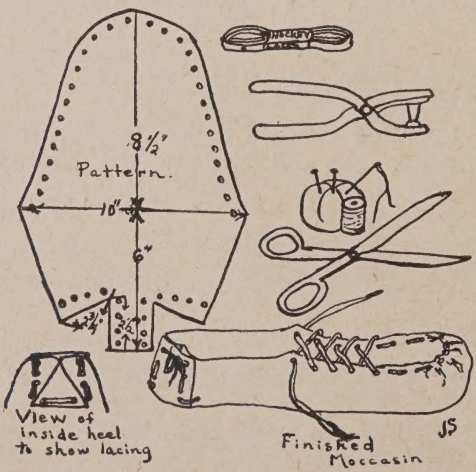
Ooze suede comes in skins of about six square feet and cost approximately 35c a square foot. Red, green, blue, and other colours are available. A skin of this size will make about three pairs of moccasins.

Use the sketch as a guide to draw a paper pattern which should fit any medium-sized foot. The width is adjustable in the lacing, and, to a certain extent, so is the length. However, if a longer moccasin is required, the pattern is readily lengthened at the toe. Place your pattern on the ooze in such a way that you get the most from your leather and cut two moccasins.

Using a punch with a large hole, punch holes about a ½″ from the edge and ¾″ to 1″ apart around the toe and at the heel as shown. The toe must have an even number of holes. Each side of the heel should have 4 holes.

One pair of hockey laces is required for each pair of moccasins. Fold the laces in half. From the centre of each lace cut a length of 18″ and then sew the two end lengths together again. This ensures neat ends for lacing. The 18″ cut from the centre of the lace is used in lacing the heel of the moccasin.

Beginning from the outside at the uppermost hole of the heel flap, lace in and out, in and out, then in, and across the inside of the lower part of the heel to the other side. (See diagram). Bring the lace out and continue upward in the same fashion tying the ends in a bow knot across the outside of the heel.



Starting at the centre front, place the join in the lace on the inside of the toe and bring the ends out the two centre front holes. Lace as in running stitch along each side of the shoe toward the ankle till only 4 or 5 holes remain. Gather the front part of the moccasin to make it fit the foot and form a toe. Lace the remainder of the holes in cross-criss manner as you would a shoe.

The girls were all gathered in the grove of trees near the east cabins. It was Council hour. Mickey the director was explaining the manner in which the girls took part in the running of the camp. ''We try through these council discussions together to plan some of the camp programme, that is whether you desire hikes, shore meals, special camp fires, or other events of a like nature. From this group we wish you to choose your cabin representative who will be a member of the camp executive. We also choose a Chief Camper. She becomes your chief executive. Now I want you to come tomorrow night prepared to suggest the one you would like for your cabin or dorm representative. Now let's plan for campfire tonight. . . .''

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''It is funny,'' thought Grace, how we all enjoy the meal hours. I never thought I would enjoy the food, but it is really good. The sing-songs are fun too. I wonder if every day will be as interesting as to-day. What's next do you suppose?'' Mickey was again announcing the camp programme. After the usual duties are done, there will be baseball and volleyball over in the east field. Don't forget too that this is initiation night at camp fire. All the old campers must be ready to give the new ones a real ceremony. The programme is being directed by the senior Bible Study group. But before campfire we shall have our vesper service. We will meet as we met this morning before going to Bible study. When you hear the next whistle gather before the west cabins.

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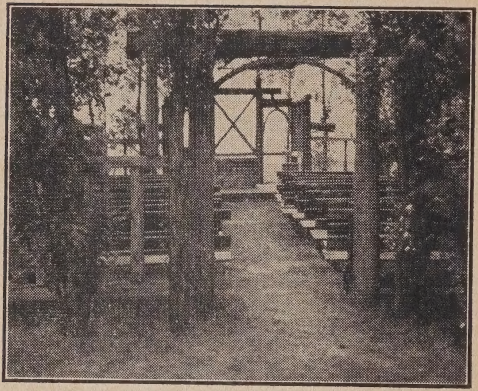
Just as the sun was beginning to slant his last red rays along the smooth lake and through the darkening pines, the whistle sounded for vespers. Grace thought of a picture she had seen a long time ago, a picture of people with their heads bowed as they stood in the fields beside their work at eventide. The girls quickly counted their scores and declared winners and joined the group which had suddenly seemed touched with the quietness of the evening hour. A robin was singing in the branches overhead. Far off in a meadow, which glowed red with reflected light, a meadow lark whistled. ''Now the day is over; night is drawing nigh; Shadows of the evening steal across the sky.''



Outdoor Chapel at Glen Mohr

As they sang the evening hymn, the girls walked to the chapel from which they could see the sun drop behind the lake. ''Come let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker''. ''Yes'' thought Grace, ''it is good to worship. I want to thank God for the day. He seems near and real in this place. I must try to remember these moments throughout the whole year. How easy it is to feel that He cares what we are, that He is anxious for us to have all this beauty. I must try to discover this week how I can serve Him, how I can show others this loveliness''.

''Kneel always when you light a fire. Kneel reverently and thankful be for God's unfailing charity.'' . . . The flames leaped high in the air and every face was rosy in the glow. ''Fire's burning, fire's burning'' sang the group and campfire had begun. The games, the songs, the skits in which they all, even the leaders joined, made a gay evening. Grace found herself again thinking about the wonder of it all, of the warm feeling of fellowship which existed within her. Whatever the rest of the camp might bring, this was a good day. She crossed her arms to join hands with her neighbours to sing: All praise to Thee, my God, this night, For all the blessings of the light! Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings, Beneath Thy own almighty wings. Then a silence reigned. Only the soft lapping of the waves against the shore could be heard. Quietly Mickey began ''Taps''.

The words of Taps went through Grace's mind as she stretched out on her bunk bed: ''Day is done . . . . God is nigh''. ''Make me worthy dear God of Thy nearness and Thy love'', she prayed.

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We wish to acknowledge with much gratitude the help we have received from Miss Jessie Scott whose drawings and description of moccasins you have seen above. We are grateful too, to the Department of Christian Education for the loan of two line cuts and for the privilege of using a few lines from Morning Watch, published under its auspices.

Canadian Girls Tell What Camp Has Meant to Them

From Norma Dawson, Saskatoon.

ONE of the best vacations I have spent and the one which seemed to be the most helpful and interesting was the one I spent at camp.

Getting along with people in this world is regarded as one of the great ''musts''. At camp one of the things we learn to do is to get along with the girls and leaders. This will certainly help us when we go out into the world working with other people.

Bible study was one of the main features of the day and this was one of the greatest helps to me. Class discussions were carried on frequently and through these discussions I learned a great deal about my own religion and the religion of others.

Handcraft was one of the many interesting groups in which we could take part. This group consisted of leathercraft, which is a craft that could easily be made into a very interesting and profitable hobby.

Living Room, Buena Vista Camp

Swimming, hiking, sing songs and vesper services were other recreations which we enjoyed. These are just a few of the experiences of camp which have meant a great deal to me.

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Eleanor Hodgings, Chilliwack, writes about Bible Study at camp.

Last July at C.G.I.T. Camp Council the Bible Study let us get acquainted with the teachings of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos and Micah. During the ten days we were studying them, we learned about their lives and how they helped people to believe in God. . . . All our study showed that God picks His men to carry out His word. These men who have heard His word take years of training and finally become ministers to go forth and spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, who has promised to draw nigh unto them that call upon Thee, we would lift our hearts in thankfulness to Thee for all Thy goodness to us. May we hear Thy voice summoning us to deeper devotion in Thy service and respond whole-heartedly to Thy call. Grant us a continual sense of Thy abiding presence and Thine over-ruling guidance in our daily life. Put into the heart of each one of us such a love for Thee that we may love our neighbours as ourselves and minister to the varying needs of our fellowmen. Consecrate our friendships and may we be given grace to help our friends by prayer and understanding and sympathy.

Keep us from speaking the unkind words or indulging in the ''unkind silence''. May we consecrate unto Thee our intellect and our substance and may we give gladly and freely for the work of Thy Church at home and abroad. O Lord deliver us from self-seeking and dishonesty, from the narrowing of sympathy and hardening of hearts, and from the peril of growing too familiar with the cry of suffering and sorrow.

Defend and bless our gracious King and Queen. We praise Thee for their Christian example. Prosper the Commonwealth, we beseech Thee and keep its various governments true to the principles of freedom and teaching of Thy Word.

We thank Thee for the devoted lives of our missionaries at home and overseas. Give them strength, patience, comfort in times of loneliness, and courage to overcome difficulties. Pour out upon Thy whole Church the grace and power of Thy spirit that Thy people everywhere may be equipped as witnesses of the living Saviour.

We would pray especially for the youth of our nation. Open their eyes to see the true beauty and glory and enduring satisfaction of the life spent in service for Thee. May many consecrate their lives to Christian service in Church and State.

We bless Thee for the beauty and rest of summer and pray that wherever our young people gather in our camps and summer schools, Thou wilt be in their midst, that they may be brought close to Jesus Christ and be strengthened in body and spirit. May vacation time be a time of true recreation of body, mind and spirit.

Give, we pray Thee, Thy rest and peace to a needy world. May the lives Thou hast given us as a trust be dedicated to Thee and Thy service.

We offer these petitions in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

RAIL ARRANGEMENTS for COUNCIL MEETING of The WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY of THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in CANADA

The Council Meeting will be held in Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta, September 26th to 30th, 1949.

Delegates' tickets will be arranged by the Women's Missionary Society head office, but those other than delegates wishing to attend the meetings are requested to avail themselves of the following arrangements:

Purchase single ticket to Calgary and secure from Station Agent at the place of departure a Standard Convention certificate.

Tickets and certificates will be issued on all railway lines as follows:

West of Port Arthur, September 20th to 26th.

East of Port Arthur, and Armstrong, Ontario,
September 17th to 25th, inclusive.

Properly validated certificates will be honoured for tickets for return journey on September 28th, at Grace Church, Calgary.

Return tickets will be limited to reach original starting point thirty days in addition to the date of sale of going trip as shown by the selling agent's stamp on certificate.

Rates secured are fare and one-half.

—(MRS. W. A.) BEATRICE MCLENNAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

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LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

AS the time for Summer Camps approaches those who are to be Camp leaders will be thinking of how best they can prepare for the busy days ahead. Through the Literature Department books are available which will help in preparing for camp as well as books which should be at the camp for the use of the campers.

Anyone who is responsible for planning a Camp programme should have the CAMP MANUAL which outlines the plans that must be made in advance, such as the general organization of the camp, the business manager, the plans for worship, music, Bible study, interest groups, camp ceremonials and other activities. A leader will want also to have a copy of the song book SING TOGETHER that she may be familiar with the songs before going to camp and she will want to have a copy of the Bible study to be used—THE LIFE OF JESUS FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK, a reading guide containing questions and suggestions for projects to assist in planning the study on the Gospel of St. Mark which is the text book.

For the Camp there should be sufficient copies of the little devotional booklet, MORNING WATCH, the theme of which is ''Followers of the Way'', that each camper may obtain a copy.

We hope that each Camp will have a ''browsing table'' upon which there will be a variety of books which the campers may read during free time. The books should not only provide entertainment for those who enjoy reading but be resource material for discussion groups and camp programmes.

The following books are some of those available which would be suitable: PRACTICAL BOOKS ON AFRICA AND INDIA; FUN AND FESTIVAL BOOKS—INDIA, CHINA; TALES FROM INDIA; TALES FROM AFRICA; STORIES OF THE BOOK OF BOOKS by Grace McGavran; FAR ROUND THE WORLD by Grace McGavran; TAI LEE'S PRECIOUS SEED by Mary I. Beck, DIKE AGAINST THE SEA by Mary Brewster Hollister and LIFE HAS NO CEILING by Frank Cartwright (stories of China); GREAT IS THE COMPANY by Violet Wood, (stories of Bible translations); DAUNTLESS WOMEN by Winnifred Mathews, (stories of wives of famous pioneer missionaries); CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS, a digest of interesting news and stories from Christians around the world; CHURCH BELLS CALLING by Muriel Beaton Patterson, (stories from every land where the Canadian Churches have missionaries); CHRISTIAN VOICES IN CHINA and MY COUNTRY IS INDIA, in which Chinese and Indian young people respectively tell of their homelands and the problems there (for older young people); THE CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN by J. L. McLean; YET NOT CONSUMED by Stuart C. Parker, (an interesting history of our Church); THE FAITH WE HAVE RECEIVED, A brief exposition on the Apostles' Creed and MY FIRST COMMUNION.

Such books made available for reading will help those at camp to realize that there is a Christian Church that circles the world and to understand better their own Church in Canada.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

THE Evening Department, having completed three years of existence, has continued in 1948 to bear out the reason for its formation. Where Auxiliaries have moved on into this Department, new Young Women's Auxiliaries have sprung up like mushrooms. Added to this, a new development has arisen. During 1948 eleven new organizations have been formed in the Evening Department age group. You may ask, "When should an Auxiliary or Affiliated Group be classified as Evening Department?" The answer falls into two parts: (1) when the average age of its members is thirty or over; (2) when some of its members are unable to meet at any other time than in the evening on account of occupation.

It would seem that many congregations contain a group of the "older young women" who are professional women, business women or married women who still are closely associated by interest and friendship with the business woman, and who are ready to organize and shoulder responsibilities as members of the great band of women of the Women's Missionary Society.

Only one Synodical shows a decrease in contributions for 1948, but in all others the increases range from $20.00 to $1,350.00. The total increase is over $3,400.00.

The reports sent to your Secretary in the Evening Department at the end of the year indicate many fine projects carried out, much co-operation and assistance given in all departments of the congregational work—Sunday School, C.G.I.T., Mission Band, Family Nights and in the organization of Young Women's Auxiliaries—and also worthy projects in the community. If your Auxiliary has a pet scheme or project which you believe to be worth while, please let us know about it.

One Synodical Secretary reports that most of the Auxiliaries in that Synodical do not use any method of systematic giving, but that where this *is* used it has proved the most satisfactory method. In the Evening Department our objective is the systematic use of weekly envelopes, preferably duplex, one side to be used for the General Fund, the other for the Expense Fund. It has been found over and over again as mentioned above that it *is* the best method. Extra energy is not used up and interest is not diffused; rather it seems to centre on the work to be done and our responsibility toward it.

Every Synodical is now represented in the Evening Department, the total being over one hundred and fifty groups. There are still many Auxiliaries which have not yet transferred, many who are standing in the way of a younger group being organized. Will you not give the matter careful thought as it affects your congregation? That is the only safe measuring rule.

Let me close with words which have come from your Secretaries: "I feel our Evening Department is a fine asset to our Senior Auxiliary work and fills a very necessary spot in our Women's Missionary Society."

"It is also evident that the members of the Evening Auxiliaries are seized with the importance and worth-while attraction of the Women's Missionary Society".

"The Evening Department is established now and it is with confidence that the Auxiliaries and Presbyterials go forward, knowing that theirs is a mission and a programme to challenge and hold the allegiance of its members."

—*E. Luzetta McClelland.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre is a small residence in Toronto operated by the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It provides a home with a Christian emphasis for girls for whom a period in a group environment is indicated due to the absence or failure of family provision for them.

The girls come to us from private homes, from the different Children's Aid Societies, from the Family Court and from the Big Sisters' Association. When they come we look first for their best instincts abilities and interests. As changes in behaviour and personality do not occur over-night, it requires months of consistent care and training to solve each girls' particular set of problems. Our chief concern is to give them the opportunity for spiritual, mental and physical development. In many cases we find that the behaviour pattern may not change completely, but they gradually become more socially acceptable, and undoubtedly will stand a much better chance of becoming worth-while citizens.

Living together as a group here they gain confidence and a feeling of security whilst sharing together in the daily activities of worship, school, recreation and the ordinary home responsibilities. In due time we get to the individual personality where no two are alike; each has gifts and character traits peculiar to herself, so it can be readily understood that a great deal of patience, tolerance and understanding are requirements in dealing with them. It has been proved that any child who feels the strength of friendly people, helping and upholding her can be trained to better ways. We try to give them a blending of freedom and responsibility and find that to deprive them of some privileges is more effective than any other discipline.

Our girls must be between the ages of twelve and fifteen at the time of admission, and they all attend Church and Sunday School, also C.G.I.T. and Junior Choir. They go to Public School, High School and Business College. They help with the household tasks and schedules are drawn up each week for these.

We have seven girls in residence at present and not a single one of the seven has any chance of a normal home-life except while they are here. Two of them have been with us since 1947. Of the others who have left here one girl graduated from business college and has a splendid position, another is in an insurance office, three are working in department stores, three are working and helping with their families, one is working in Weston's, one has returned to Windsor, (as per previous arrangement), and another girl is continuing her Art course at Central Technical School.

All those living in the city have been back "Home" as they say to visit us, and keep in touch with us for advice on their new problems. We appreciate what this means to young adolescents and are always ready to help and advise wherever possible.

We feel that the setting-up of this work by our Women's Missionary Society has been entirely justified in helping some of our own Canadian girls to adjust properly at home, school, play or work. One of the greatest satisfactions in life is to realize that one has had a part in the moulding of a young life.

—Mrs. J. McPhee.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

WHAT plans have you made for the summer months? Are you planning to take a nice, long holiday at some lovely cool lake, just soaking up the wonderful sunshine, or perhaps going to camp and having the best time of your life?

Most of us would just love to do either of these things and let us hope that it will be possible for us to have one of these experiences for some time at least. Few of us, however, are sufficiently fortunate to be able to spend all of our glorious summer months at camp or resort and so the question arises "What shall we do this summer?"

Wouldn't it be a grand idea if you could find something really interesting for you and your group to do and at the same time know that you are doing something worth while—something that would really help other young people?

We have the very project for which you are looking. How would you like to help the boys and girls and babies of Britain, Japan, Korea, Germany, Holland, France and other countries in Europe? Well you can do just that and at the same time have a wonderful time doing it. Let me tell you about it.

The Canadian Council of Churches of which the Presbyterian Church is a part, has sponsored a programme for the purpose of helping the people of the countries of which we have spoken; people whose way of living was completely shattered owing to the war. This programme is called Canadian Church Relief Abroad.

"Fine", you say, "but how do we start?" So we shall tell you about it and then leave it to you enterprising young people to go ahead and think up better ideas of our own.

How to organize.

Try to interest every boy, girl, every young person and indeed every person in your church or community. Seek the co-operation of your minister, who might consider arranging a definite day for the people to bring their good used clothing and bedding to the Church. Your group could help by arranging to call for parcels when it would be impossible for the donor to bring them to the place where the clothing is being collected. Get the boys of the congregation to help, too.

Tell everyone of the great need for suits, coats, dresses, layettes, sweaters, scarves, mitts, caps, shoes, bedding and household linen, blankets, quilts, towels, sheets, etc.

The sorting and packing of all good materials will probably be done by your mothers, and big sisters, but you can help here by tying each pair of shoes together with new laces, pinning together different parts of one suit, attaching a helmet to a matching snowsuit and in dozens of other useful ways.

Now set aside the more badly worn materials and here, too, your group can do some fine work. Plan to get the crowd to meet on someone's verandah or lawn and start your sewing club. Take old towels, cut them up and using the best parts, make small towels and wash cloths from them. Make crib sheets; pillow cases, and blankets out of worn materials. Make afghans from woollen sock tops and children's shoes from old felt hats. Babies' clothing is badly needed and it is such fun to make. Don't you think your group would love to make some? Then for those of you who can knit we would suggest that you make scarves, mitts, squares for quilts, socks and sweaters.

As soon as your material is ready please ship it *at once* prepaid to Canadian Church Relief Board, 250 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, or if you live in the West, to the C.N.R. Immigration Hall, 166 Water Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We hope you will have a wonderful summer and that you will find time to do some of this work in order to make life happier for other girls across the seas.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Sir Billy

BY HELEN RUTH HACKETT

"OH," sighed Billy as he finished the last exciting page of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Gently he closed the book and put his chin in his cupped hands. Gazing over the white picket fence of the front yard, he pictured knights in golden armour, waving plumes, and with shining swords astride spirited white horses colourfully caparisoned and prancing by.

"Billy! Billy! Whatever are you day-dreaming about?"

Billy's eyes blinked and his knights disappeared. Instead he saw that Mother had brought her sewing out on the porch. He moved his chair closer to hers and began dolefully, "Mother, I wish I could be a knight. A fellow hasn't any chance for adventure now-a-days. How I would like to have a shining sword to fight a couple of dragons, and then be knighted by King Arthur for bravery."

Mother smiled understandingly at Billy, so eager at the thought of killing a dragon, and said, ''Well, Billy, I guess every boy around your age feels the same way.''

Billy gazed into the distance.

''Of course,'' Mother continued, ''there are plenty of dragons around to-day. You have to look sharply for them, however.''

Billy gave Mother a quick glance to see if she were really serious.

''I mean it, Billy. There are plenty of dragons right around here. Sometimes they are even inside of you.''

Billy was in the act of opening his mouth to ask Mother to explain this puzzling statement when his friends, Jed, Charlie and Bob dashed up the front walk. . . .

As the boys ran off, Jed told Billy, ''We've got something great to show you. You'll be surprised.''

Billy, all excited, shouted ''Hurrah!'' and then promptly began to question Jed about the surprise.

''You'll see. Just follow us,'' was all Jed would answer.

They circled around the block until they came to the lot where an old deserted barn stood.

''Let's go inside,'' whispered Charlie mysteriously.

They filed in through a narrow rickety door.

''Come on, fellows, I hid it over there,'' called Bob.

After much fumbling in some rubbish, Bob proudly produced a can of tobacco and an old worn pipe.

''Where did you get that?'' asked Billy, unpleasantly surprised.

''We found the tobacco,'' explained Jed, ''and then I traded my snapping turtle for a pipe that belonged to Tom Miller. Now we can have some fun, taking a smoke. Isn't that great Billy?''

''Yes,'' agreed Billy, rather weakly. He had promised his mother that he would never smoke or drink.

The pipe was stuffed and lit in a jiffy. With some difficulty Jed took a few puffs, then passed on to Billy. Billy put the pipe near his mouth, then quickly gave it back to Jed. He remembered how his mother had never broken a promise she had made to him.

''No, Jed. I guess I won't try it,'' he said slowly. ''And I don't think you boys should do it either.

''Don't be a sissy. Be a sport. Don't get cold feet,'' jeered the other boys.

Billy turned angrily without another word and strode out of the barn. As he trudged home, he wrathfully kicked all the stones in his way. Calling him a sissy! That hurt. Maybe he ought to go back and show them he could smoke as well as anyone else.

By this time Billy was again in front of his own gate. When he saw his mother still sewing on the porch, he knew he couldn't break his promise.

He scuffed up the steps and flopped on the floor near her.

"Billy, you look as if you had a thundercloud pasted on your face. A little while ago you left the yard with the boys as happy as a butterfly," said mother kindly.

Billy made no reply.

Then Mother began to sniff the air suspiciously. "Billy, where did you get that awful odour on your clothes?"

Billy hesitated and then blurted out. "The fellows were smoking down in the old barn and, Mother," he added, the corners of his mouth drooping, "they called me a sissy because I wouldn't smoke."

"Why didn't you?" asked Mother softly.

"Because I promised you I wouldn't."

Mother didn't say a word for a few moments. Then she quietly placed her hand on Billy's tousled head.

"I knight thee, Billy Lewis, for bravely defeating two dragons. Rise, Sir Billy." . . . .

—Courtesy of *The Young Crusader*.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Westminster Presbyterial—Mission Band, Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver. Leader, Miss Enid Abernethy.

Hamilton and London

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Paisley. Pres., Mrs. L. MacGregor; Sec., Miss Vera Beaton; Treas., Mrs. A. McTavish.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Sara Dunning Young Women's Auxiliary, Dundas. Pres., Mrs. Frank Lowndes; Treas., Mrs. Victor Johnson; Sec., Mrs. Wm. Allcroft, 8 Hunter St.

Montreal and Ottawa

Glengarry Presbyterial—St. John's Mission Band, Cornwall (re-organized). Leader, Mrs. Edna King, 60 - 11th St. West.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Hawkesbury. Leader, Mrs. Hancock.

Kathleen Johnston Young Women's Auxiliary, Ottawa, transferred to the Evening Department. Pres., Mrs. Harry Robinson, 66 Barton St.

Quebec Presbyterial—Grace Martin Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. Pres., Miss Kathleen Forbes, R.N.; Treas., Miss Ada Sudsbury; Sec., Miss Mavis McCune, 192 Hamilton Ave.

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THE 35th annual meeting of the Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, April 12, 13, and 14. The president, Mrs. Robert Pollock, presided at all sessions. The problem of interesting British Columbia's youth in the missionary work of the Church was discussed in detail, as reports of Young Women's work, teen-age Girls' groups, Children's groups and Home Helpers were presented. Miss S. White, historian, stated that 1948 had been a year of progress. The appointment of Miss Marjorie MacKay to Kootenay Presbyterial and Miss Margaret Boyd to Kamloops marked the first time that deaconesses had been given outside appointments. In January, Miss Helen Ross came to the Children's Centre, Vancouver, to direct the older groups. The Welcome and Welfare department reported that twenty-six secretaries had made 609 visits during the year. The Literature Secretary reported that all Auxiliaries used the study book and the same was true in the majority of the Mission Bands, Explorers and Girls' groups. During the year the lantern slides were used 25 times, covering a territory from Cranbrook to Port Alberni. The Supply Department went over its allocation. Progress in the work among the University students was reported by the Student Secretary. The Press Secretary reported sending 66 items to *The Glad Tidings.*

The Reverend Murdo Pollock, son of the President, spoke on his work in the Fraser Valley, surveying the progress in that field in the last two years, and stressing the need for young men and women to take up mission work especially in those areas in our province that are so badly needing help. Other speakers were, Reverend J. L. W. McLean, Convener of the Synod's Mission Committee, Reverend A. Orr, who spoke for the Reverend M. Mark, assistant superintendent of Western Missions; Miss Grace Mackay, new regional secretary in British Columbia was introduced and spoke briefly. Daily devotions were led by Miss Chrissie Diffin, deaconess of St. Andrew's Church and Mrs. P. Chan. Delightful choral numbers were sung by St. Andrew's junior choir under the leadership of Miss Kay Paulin. Greetings were brought by letter from Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and from Dr. J. C. McLean-Bell, Moderator of Synod. Mrs. Taylor, Anglican, Mrs. J. I. Smith, Baptist, and Mrs. D. A. Girvin, United Church, also brought greetings. The Reverend J. L. W. McLean conducted the installation of officers.

Westminster Presbyterial — Kerrisdale Senior Auxiliary, Vancouver, held a luncheon meeting in the new Church Hall. This was their Easter Thankoffering meeting, with the president, Mrs. George Bell in the chair. Representatives were present from each of the groups contributing to the work—Mission Band, C.G.I.T., Explorers, Janet Thomson Young Women, Jean MacDougall group and the Helen McGill

Young Wives Group. The president of the Women's Guild, Mrs. R. Arnot was soloist. The guest speaker was the newly elected Presbyterial President, Mrs. M. Clifford, who gave an interesting account of the Synodical annual meeting held in Victoria.

Prince Rupert had recently as guest speaker the Reverend G. E. Sendrall whose talk on "The Constancy of Jesus" was most inspirational.

Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, has four circles, each circle meeting once a month on the same day at the homes of the members. The following week the regular meeting of the Auxiliary is held in the church hall. Readings are given from *The Glad Tidings* and *The Presbyterian Record,* and letters are read from our missionaries overseas. The study book on China is being used.

At a recent meeting of Buchanan Auxiliary, Mrs. Murdoch was guest speaker. The Auxiliary plans to make articles for home missions, thus attending to temporal needs as well as spiritual.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, held an open Thank-offering meeting in April. A well attended meeting heard Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, give a report of the Synodical meeting held in Victoria. She also outlined the work of the different departments of the missionary work in which young women may serve, and the particular requirements for each. Representatives brought greetings from the Session, Board of Managers, Sunday School and Young Women's Auxiliary. The choir sang an anthem. The Reverend H. A. Berlis spoke briefly and pronounced the benediction.

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON Presbyterial — At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, our minister, Reverend MacBeath Millar, was welcomed home after six months' study in Edinburgh. Mrs. John Kelman our Synodical President, was also present and spoke briefly. A stirring address was given by the Reverend Stuart Johnson, minister of Rupert Street Church, based on the words found in James 4: 17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin". We were urged to be doers of the word and not hearers only and to live Christianity as the most effective means to combat evil.

SASKATCHEWAN

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STEWARDSHIP was chosen as the general theme for the 35th annual meeting of the Synodical which was held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, April 5th and 6th and many of the reports showed encouraging advancement. Lack of leaders seemed to be the chief reason for a falling-off in some departments and the problem was seriously discussed. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, urged each member to ask herself if she were qualified, if she considered her job important and if she were doing it well. There should be interest and guidance given to the young people of the Church who represent its future. Members were urged to give their whole-hearted support to the great work done by the summer camps. They were impressed by the reports of activity centred around the

Church residence in Saskatoon, a communal centre, where the students have the opportunity of hearing outstanding speakers in both Church and Missionary work. The Reverend E. S. MacKay in bringing greetings from Synod said that he believed that the Presbyterian Church had a distinctive task to perform in Christ's Name. The Reverend A. W. Currie, Rosetown, who gave the principal address, spoke impressively on the text ''Therefore, we must pay the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we let them slip.''

Miss M. Quickfall of Coleville gave the closing message in this series of inspiring and thought-provoking meetings. She reminded the members that while times were troubled and some reports left us dismayed, we were not to be discouraged or frustrated. It is good at such times to remember to ''Be still and know that I am God'', to learn to know Him in quiet places, to be reminded that we are God's handmaidens. The battle is His. . . . The Reverend James Young conducted the installation of officers and Mrs. Wm. Kelly, re-elected as President, closed the meetings with prayer.

Moose Jaw Presbyterial—The 35th annual Presbyterial meeting was held in Knox Church, Moose Jaw on Friday, April 8th with delegates present from Assiniboia, Briercrest, St. Paul's and Knox Church, Moose Jaw, and Weyburn. Mrs. James Sherrick, President, presided at all sessions. The Reverend W. McKinnon brought greetings from the Presbytery and asked for wholehearted support of the summer camps in the coming season. Encouraging reports were given by the secretaries of the various departments, and Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, and Mrs. W. Kelly, Synodical President, gave helpful comments on them and took part in the discussions. Congratulatory messages were sent to Miss Margaret McNaughton of Briercrest, on her graduation from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, and to the Reverend H. R. Horne, B.A., LL.B., who received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at Knox College Convocation, April 12th. The Mission Band Banner for achievement was presented by Mrs. M. Shaw to Mrs. P. G. MacInnes, leader of the ''Buds of Promise'' Mission Band, Assiniboia, for outstanding work during the past year. An inspiring installation service was conducted by Miss Ruby Walker. The all-day programme was climaxed with an address by the Reverend W. McKinnon on the ''Christian Mission''. He pointed out that it is the outcome and expression of our Christian faith and experience. He said many within the Church are immobile, waiting to be pulled along, confining the love of Christ to themselves and denying it to the whole world. Miss Mary Sherrick, missionary teacher from Amkhut, India, now on furlough, was present and spoke briefly.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Weyburn, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting on the evening of April 20th and an interested audience sat enthralled as Mr. David Forbes of Stoughton, Sask., gave his exceptionally fine illustrated lecture on the Holy Places in Southern Palestine. All who were privileged to attend this lecture will be eager to see and hear Mr. Forbes' second lecture on the Northern part of the Holy Land in the very near future.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — The C.G.I.T. of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, held an impressive re-affiliation service with the Women's Missionary

Society, following the completion of the missionary study book on China. Mrs. J. T. Morgan, Girls' Organizations Secretary for the Presbyterial, spoke to the girls and stressed the importance of the C.G.I.T. within the Women's Missionary Society family. Two girls representing Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fung welcomed the guests. Each guest received a copy of a familiar Chinese proverb. The hall was decorated with Chinese motifs. Each group presented a playlet from their missionary study—''Confuscius Teaches His Friends'', ''They Made It First'' and ''Station HMHD On The Air''. A social hour followed with the senior girls in charge of the refreshments.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, the Reverend J. A. Munro, Superintendent of Western Missions, spoke on the overseas work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Munro, who has recently returned from the Orient, described the progress of missions in Japan, China, Formosa and India. He spoke of the political and economic situation of the Koreans in Japan, and stated that the members of the Church's delegation from Canada were greatly inspired by the Christian Koreans, who, out of their poverty, but desperately in need of missionary help and guidance were erecting churches, so great was their faith in the future of their Church. In Formosa (Taiwan) where the Presbyterian Church began its mission in 1872, the Church is a strong and moving force, most promising in all institutions such as hospitals, schools and colleges operated by the Church, and also in the Christianization of the aboriginal population. It was Mr. Munro's opinion that our missionaries in the leper colony in Formosa have done some of the finest work that the world has ever seen. In the pioneer province of Yunnan, West China, where our missionaries are working with the Church of Christ in China, progress is being made in spite of ancient Chinese customs and conservatism. In Jhansi and the Bhil Field in India, the missionaries have worked courageously, and over this whole area there seems to be an opportunity which is unique in the history of the Church. Mr. Munro stated that the Christian Church has a real mission to bring about a brotherhood of all mankind, and to strengthen the work of Christian witness, which alone can save the world from chaos.

At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Miss Ruby Walker was the guest speaker, and her theme was ''Advance''. In her message, Miss Walker urged the women to bear witness to the good news which Christ proclaimed. She said that this is the unique privilege of the Church and there is much, very much, for the women of the Church to do to-day in furthering the great work.

The April meeting of the Dr. James Robertson Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, was held at the home of Mrs. Grant. The lantern slides, ''South of the Clouds'' were shown and the Reverend J. Alan Munro, Superintendent of Western Missions, and recently returned from a tour of the overseas missions, was present and spoke informally of the work among the Koreans and the work in the province of Yunnan. Mr. Munro, in relating the story of our Church's work in these fields, mentioned particularly the courage and heroism of our missionaries.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Rosetown, was well attended. The Presbyterial report was presented and a musical number much enjoyed. The Reverend A. W. Currie showed a sound picture "Beyond Our Own" which was most interesting and thought-provoking. Tea was served by the members of the Young Women's Auxiliary.

MANITOBA

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MEMBERS of Manitoba Synodical Society went over the top both in work and finances in 1948, said Mrs. Charles LeCocq, president. She spoke on Wednesday afternoon at the opening session of the 35th annual meeting which took place in Norwood Church, Winnipeg, March 29th-31st.

"The work of the Women's Missionary Society, their faith and encouragement was needed to enable workers in new and re-opened mission fields to carry on," said Mrs. LeCocq. "Man's capacity for good is greater than his capacity for evil. But encouragement is needed constantly. Positive thinking, and the re-assertion of the principles of the four freedoms must become a habit with us." Mrs. LeCocq conducted the opening devotional ceremony and a brief memorial service.

Delegates were registered from points between Brandon, Neepawa, in Manitoba and Port Arthur in western Ontario. Country representation was not as great as expected due to unfavourable road conditions. Reports on the work of the past year showed increases in all departments except the Young Women's where there was a slight decrease in membership. It was felt this was due in part to the many school activities now available to young people. Miss J. Redmond, in secretarial reports, showed increased membership. Interest in the work of the organization was increasing and W.M.S. publications and calendars were being more widely distributed. Fund raising projects ranged from sales of home cooking to calendars.

The treasurer's report presented by Mrs. D. H. Ross showed that the three Presbyterials had exceeded their allocation. Subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings* had been increased. Ten Life Memberships were given. The Literature Secretary, Mrs. N. H. Henry reported much interest in the selection of books. Home Helpers and Welcome and Welfare departments showed a busy year with nearly 2,300 visits made. New and used clothing sent to schools, sanatoriums, and Indian Schools weighed 1,393 lbs. Good used clothing is much in demand for the reserves Mrs. J. P. Duffin reported. Miss Joyce Wooding reported on her work at Portage la Prairie. Greetings were brought by Mrs. J. McLeod, President of Brandon Presbyterial, Mrs. W. S. Nairn of Superior Presbyterial and Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Winnipeg Presbyterial.

Mrs. W. A. McLennan, member of Council Executive, gave a very fine address on the work of Council Executive, Synodicals and Presbyterials and their relationship one to the other. She urged Auxiliaries to be prompt and accurate with reports. At the dinner meeting which followed Mrs. J. C. Gibbs of Norwood Church Auxiliary welcomed the guests. Greetings were brought from the Inter-Church Council by Mrs. C. Fryer; from Council Executive by Mrs. W. A. McLennan and from Synod by the

Reverend D. C. Hill of St. James Church, Winnipeg.

Mrs. McLennan spoke of the work and workers of the Women's Missionary Society and the Church at the evening session. She stressed that the work in British Guiana has received a new challenge—that in Formosa, the re-opening of the Taipeh hospital was a further challenge in continuing the work among the Japanese—that splendid work was being done in the Indian Residential Schools at Birtle and Kenora. Miss Margaret Boyd told of her work as a deaconess in Flin Flon. All this expanding work needed more workers and it was one field where young people were urgently needed.

Mrs. C. LeCocq was re-elected Synodical president on the final day of the two-day session. Brandon Presbyterial led the devotions and Mrs. LeCocq presided. Library and Exchange departments reported much success during the year with 9,000 pieces of literature sent to hospitals and camps.

A very fine report was given by Mrs. A. M. L. Long, historian, telling about a foundation stone being laid at Lenore for the new church. The old church was destroyed by fire. She also reported that the history of the Kildonan Auxiliary had been compiled from 1891. The Reverend James Clarke told of visiting churches throughout the west in the past four weeks, and said that he was encouraged by the interest and concern shown by the young people. Mrs. G. W. Warrington reported for the resolutions and courtesies committee and endorsed the stand taken by the Church on gambling and anti-Christian propaganda. Mrs. G. W. Bradley gave the report of the nominating committee and the Reverend D. W. Campbell installed the officers.

Superior Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of the Presbyterial convened on March 25th. Mrs. W. S. Nairn was re-elected president of the Presbyterial at the annual meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The full report of the nominating committee was read by Miss Jessie Redmond and the new officers were installed by the Reverend Agnew H. Johnston, minister of the church. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. T. B. Tweedie of Geraldton and Mrs. Nairn led in prayer. In her address Mrs. Nairn used the text, ''the second mile'', appealing to the members to do more than their share whenever possible.

Miss M. I. L. Smellie gave the corresponding secretary's report of the four senior Auxiliaries and the one Associate Society. The allocation was exceeded. Mrs. R. Wallace gave the financial report in the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Fraser. Mrs. F. Blain, literature secretary, reviewed several outstanding books and recommended others for reading. Mrs. R. Thornton reported delegates in attendance from Geraldton, Fort Frances, Fort William, West Fort William and Port Arthur.

Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, was guest speaker for the afternoon and opened her address by reading the 121st Psalm—''I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills''. The speaker said we should all strive for the hilltops in daily living. Mrs. J. Wilson delivered a very encouraging report of the activities of the Mission Bands in the Presbyterial. Each group follows a prescribed course of study and they displayed handwork done by the children. She reported Mission Bands and Explorer groups in the district with almost twice the enrolment of last year. The banner for highest givings went to the Mission Band in

First Church, Port Arthur, for attendance to First Church, Fort William and for general proficiency to St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Members of St. Andrew's Mission Band under the direction of Miss Mary McKenzie and Miss Joyce Holt, presented a play about China and sang several hymns. Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical president, brought greetings and described some of her work in the various districts. She read an interesting letter from Miss Bessie M. McMurchy, a missionary in India. Mrs. G. Henry of Fort Frances gave the closing words and benediction.

At the supper meeting which followed, the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Malcolm Fraser with Mrs. D. McDougall replying. Greetings were brought by the Reverend A. H. Johnston, Reverend J. A. McMahon, Mr. R. Gibson and from St. Andrew's, Geraldton, Brandon and Winnipeg Presbyterials and from the Synodical by Mrs. C. LeCocq and from Anglican, Baptist and United Churches. The evening session commenced at 8.15 with devotions taken by members of the Evening Auxiliaries. Miss Ruby Walker conducted panel discussions on several reports. A question box was opened and Miss Walker answered the questions of the various delegates. The theme of the Presbyterial meeting was "The World for Christ".

The Easter joint Thank-offering meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of First Church was held April 5th in the Sunday School room. The president, Mrs. A. Grant, was in the chair and introduced the speaker, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., a missionary on furlough from India. Miss Sherrick, who has been in India since 1933, said that her station is about 350 miles north of Bombay and she works among the Bhil people who are very primitive. Their whole way of life has seen little change in thousands of years. In religion they are spirit worshippers, living in constant fear of these spirits. She said that missionary work has been carried on in the Bhil country for the past fifty years and there are now a number of Christian organizations, some of them self-supporting.

Four pupils from Gresley Park Sunday School entertained. Mrs. F. Blain, Literature Secretary for the Presbyterial, gave a short talk on her display of outstanding missionary books for adults and children.

Mrs. W. Stevenson and Miss Jean Stevenson very graciously opened their home for a tea to honour Miss Mary Sherrick, missionary on furlough from the Bhil Field, India. Many members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary and Evening Guild took advantage of this opportunity to meet Miss Sherrick. She spoke briefly and showed snaps of the people she worked with and the country. The same evening she addressed a meeting of the Young Women's group of First Church, West Fort William, afterwards taking the train on her way to Weyburn, Sask.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —On Wednesday, April 6th the Senior Auxiliary and the Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, held their Easter Thank-offering. Mrs. Severt and Mrs. Shier, presidents of the respective groups opened the meeting with devotions. The guest speaker was Mrs. A.

E. Toombs of Beeton, previously living and working in the Bhil Field, where her husband still labours.

Mrs. Toombs' magnetism and her charm held her hearers from the first as she told the thrilling story of a young girl journeying from Toronto to Bombay to become the bride of the young missionary Rev. A. E. Toombs. Her story of the power of prayer and of the influence of the Christian Way of Life on the Bhil people, gave food for much thought. Most graphically she told of the hardships, the heart-break and the discouragements of the missionary's life, yet each incident had its touch of humour. We shall not soon forget Mrs. Toombs' address.

Mrs. Adams closed the meeting with prayer, after which visiting Auxiliaries from neighbouring towns joined with us in a social hour.

Chatham Presbyterial—Guests from Windsor were present in April at the 32nd anniversary celebration of the Amherstburg Auxiliary. Miss Hackett, who was president for 25 years, presided for the occasion and Miss Jessie Smith of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, was the speaker.

At the March meeting of the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, St. Andrew's, Windsor, Miss Olive Anderson reviewed a portion of the study book.

Hamilton Presbyterial—At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Elizabeth Lyle and the Caroline Macdonald Auxiliaries of Central Church, Hamilton, the speaker of the evening was the Reverend T. K. Chiu of Kunming, at present serving as associate minister in Glenview Church, Toronto. Mr. Chiu spoke on ''China To-Day''. He also delighted his audience with several Chinese solos.

The Margaret Annesley Johnson Evening Auxiliary of Calvin Church, Hamilton, had the Senior Auxiliary as guests at their Easter Thank-offering meeting when Dr. Wm. Barclay gave a fine talk on the part played by women during the World Conference at Amsterdam.

A joint Easter Thank-offering meeting held at Erskine Church, Hamilton, of the Senior Auxiliary, the Mildred Soutar Auxiliary and the newly formed Mildred Gehman Young Women's Auxiliary was well attended. Miss Esther Ryan, a missionary returned from Japan, spoke on present day conditions in that country.

Miss Isabel McConnell of Jobat, India, spoke on ''The Risen Christ'' at the Easter meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Hamilton. Miss Grace Watson presided over the meeting.

Mrs. D. S. Pitts, former matron at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora, was guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting at MacNab Auxiliary, Hamilton. A certificate in memory of Mrs. E. Meredith was given by the Misses McQuesten.

Maitland Presbyterial—Mrs. Sutherland presided at the April meeting of the Whitechurch Auxiliary when many old friends welcomed home Mr. Angus MacKay, missionary on furlough from Jhansi. Mr. MacKay showed slides and gave an interesting and instructive address on the evangelistic work being done among the Bhils; he spoke briefly on economic conditions generally in India.

Mrs. L. Fortune presided at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Wingham, when Mr. Angus MacKay was guest speaker.

The C.G.I.T. of Knox Church, Teeswater, were guests and assisted in the programme for the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Ring-rose presided and Mr. Angus MacKay was the guest speaker.

Reverend W. S. Sutherland presented Junior Life Membership certificates and pins to six members of the Langside Mission Band and to three members of the Whitechurch Band.

Stratford Presbyterial — On March 24th the Presbyterial held its spring executive meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, the theme of the meeting was ''Teach Us to Pray''. June 16th is the date set for the June Conference to be held in Shakespeare Presbyterian Church. The programme is being arranged by presidents of North Easthope, Shakespeare and St. Andrew's, Stratford.

Sectional meetings will be held in the northern and southern sections of the Presbyterial this year.

The nominating and itinerary committees were drawn up and the delegates appointed to attend the Synodical meeting in Goderich, May 10, 11, 12.

A discussion period proved most helpful and, from reports read, it was evidenced that all organizations have remained intact and are functioning at a high level.

The Bessie MacMurchy Group of Knox Church, Listowel, formed some two years ago, are maintaining a regular correspondence with Miss McMurchy. A contest is in progress to enlarge the membership of this group.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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IN St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, some two hundred officers and delegates of the Synodical Society held their annual meeting on April 26, 27, and 28. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson presided at all the sessions.

The Reverend C. G. Boyd extended a warm welcome on behalf of the session and members of St. Paul's Church and greetings were brought from Synod by the Moderator, Reverend C. K. Nicholl, and from Council by Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). The theme of the meeting, ''God's Design'' was carried out in the pageant ''The Three R's of this Synodical''. These were shown to be: Resources, which are the Bible and the members; Reports, which were received from all the organizations and departments; Responsibilities, our opportunities for service at home and abroad.

Reports from the organization secretaries showed increased interest in leadership training and splendid work being done in the Children's Department. The Girls' Department reported seven new groups. An increased interest in subscriptions for *The Glad Tidings* was reported from the Young Women's Department. The Evening Department reported increases in membership, contributions and interest in Mission Study. The Senior Department shows an increase in membership of both active members and Home Helpers. The Treasurer reported an increase over the allocation.

On Tuesday evening after hearing the reports from the Children's, Girls' and Young Women's Departments, Mrs. T. K. Chiu, M.A., gave a picture of the work being done in the girls' school in Kunming, China, which she and her husband organized. The Christian teaching of these children is resulting in many of the parents too, becoming Christian. Lack of trained Christian teachers is the greatest handicap as the attendance is increasing rapidly. Mrs. Chiu hopes a training school for teachers will be built in the near future. Two anthems by the junior choir of St. Paul's Church were enjoyed.

Our resources in the senior departments were reported by the different secretaries and our responsibilities at home were reviewed by Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary. Miss Matthews told of the work being done in the Yukon and Peace River country. Newcomers are being welcomed at Quebec and Montreal. Much work is being done among the Chinese, the Ukrainians and Hungarians. There is still a vast field to be covered and more workers are needed. Miss Matthews urged that the need be kept constantly before our young people especially, and that all encouragement be given to any who feel called to make this their life work.

Wednesday afternoon the Reverend T. K. Chiu of China gave a stirring address on the conditions in that country, telling of the struggle which the young Church in China is having against the forces of Communism. One of our responsibilities towards this young Church is to help train the youth by bringing some outstanding potential leaders over here and giving them training in Christian leadership. Mr. and Mrs. Chiu also sang a duet ''Though your sins be as scarlet''.

Wednesday evening we heard some of our responsibilities abroad as seen by Miss Laura Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, on her recent world tour, and from Mr. Angus MacKay, Jhansi, India. Mr. MacKay told us there were some 400 million non-Christians in India to be reached. The door is open but danger is present. The Church in India is growing from within and from without, they are reaching out for themselves but do not have the resources. The Bible training school in Jhansi has an average attendance of fifteen a year of whom four or five graduate. The Helen Macdonald Memorial School for girls has 150 in residence and 150 in day school. Freedom of religion is assured in the new India, but our prayers are needed as advancement is made more by prayer than any other method. St. Paul's choir sang at the evening session and a solo was sung by Mrs. L. R. Mitchell.

Conferences led by organization and departmental secretaries, followed by a question box brought many helpful answers to problems. An impressive memorial service was held Wednesday afternoon for our late Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Williams, when tribute was paid to her outstanding ability and Christian character. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, a Past-President of Council, conducted the election and installation of officers. In her closing words, Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, re-elected president, said, ''God's Design for us is to follow Him, and our responsibility is to follow Christ ourselves. We can follow Him by applying His principles to the complexities of the present day.''

The Church was beautifully decorated for the meeting with flowers. One basket had been placed on the communion table by Mr. Wm. Hall and Miss Catherine Hall in loving memory of Mrs. Hall our former president, and another basket in loving memory of our former treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Morgan, by her daughter. The ladies of Peterborough Presbyterial entertained at afternoon tea before the delegates left at the close of the meeting, and on Tuesday the Executive were served a most enjoyable luncheon by the local Auxiliary.

Barrie Presbyterial — The Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Barrie, was held on April 28th with the President, Mrs. J. H. McCaw presiding. Mrs. Stevenson was the speaker and gave a most interesting and inspiring address on ''Consecration'' taking as her text hymn 552 by Frances Ridley Havergal, ''They first gave their ownselves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. There was a good attendance of members and visitors to whom these verses were made very real and both the author and Mrs. Stevenson will always be remembered when they are used.

Kingston Presbyterial — Burnbrae Church and Auxiliary suffered a loss in the recent death of Mrs. Victor Taylor of Rawdon Township. Our sympathy is extended to those who mourn her death.

Lindsay Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Woodville, celebrated its 66th anniversary on April 8th at a combined Easter Thank-offering meeting and Birthday Tea. Guests were present from Glenarm, Cannington, Bolsover and North and South Eldon. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson of Stouffville, president of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston, who gave a most inspiring address on ''Forward with Christ''. She based her remarks on Romans 8: 11 and stressed the peril of indifference in all our missionary efforts. Mrs. Cathcart, Bobcaygeon, brought greetings from Lindsay Presbyterial and greetings were also brought from the United Church, Woodville.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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THE cordial welcome extended by St. John's Auxiliary, Cornwall, made a great contribution towards the success of the 3rd annual meeting of the Synodical in April. From the first moment, the hearty handshakes and smiles, established a feeling of friendliness and co-operation which persisted throughout the wonderful three days. Mrs. Harcourt Emra, President, presided over all sessions, ably assisted by Mrs. A. G. Cameron, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. F. R. Duminy, Recording Secretary (pro tem). Mrs. J. R. Hill was in charge of the worship service at the Board meeting which preceded the general meeting. At this time many problems were discussed and several resolutions recommended.

The evening session on Tuesday was a great one. Mrs. Harold Keefer, a member of Council Executive, spoke so warmly from the heart regarding the importance of Girls' work. She warned against electing ''just anyone'' to be the Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary. One should be chosen who understands and loves girls, their aims and ideas, and who can foresee future service. In a dynamic address that thrilled and electrified all hearers, Miss Laura Pelton presented an over-all picture of the work in the Orient where there are problems set in great opportunities.

On Wednesday night the Reverend G. Deane Johnston, Chairman of the Board of Missions was guest speaker. He gave a fine address, with a touch of humour delightfully refreshing, on the mission work of our Church. He mentioned that since 1787 when the Reverend Bethune came to Williamstown, the Church has flourished in Glengarry county, where there are many United Empire Loyalists, descended from Scottish forebears. Touching on the overseas work, also on the national work, he presented facts and figures that were absorbed by the very large audience.

Mrs. J. W. Dougherty gave the Financial statement, always a highlight. A slogan adopted for 1949 is: ''Contributions monthly and proportionately.

Half of the allocation to be in by June.'' Other reports were presented and all showed good work and progress. Mrs. W. A. McLennan was on hand to answer questions, help with problems, and, in addition in an enlightening address, assisted in many ways. This was a wonderful advantage. Greetings were brought from Presbytery by the Reverend H. A. Doig and the Reverend G. S. Lloyd, Mrs. P. Boys responding. At the supper provided by Glengarry Presbyterial, Mrs. Atchison, from Montreal Conference Branch of the United Church and Mrs. Munro, representing Knox United Church, Cornwall, were guests and spoke briefly. Special music was provided by St. John's choir. Mrs. D. W. Blakely presented the resolutions. Delegates were appointed for the Council meeting to be held in Calgary. An invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Brockville was accepted. The autumn Board meeting will be held in Montreal. Mrs. R. D. Smith presented the report of the nominating committee and after the election Mrs. Harcourt Emra was returned as President, Mrs. A. G. Cameron as Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty as Treasurer. New officers are Mrs. W. Fitzsimons as Recording Secretary and Mrs. Gordon McLeod Pitts, Student Secretary. In a beautiful service the Reverend G. S. Lloyd installed the officers and Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell closed the sessions with prayer.

Glengarry Presbyterial—St. John's Evening Auxiliary, Cornwall, held a joint meeting with the Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Maxville. Mrs. G. S. Lloyd welcomed the guests who had charge of the inspirational worship service. The film ''The Church Marches On'' was shown. The splendid attendance was a worthwhile preparation for the Conference in Montreal.

Montreal Presbyterial—One hundred and twenty girls registered at the Rally held in First Church, Montreal, in March when a missionary programme was presented under the direction of the Presbyterian Sunday School Association and Mrs. W. R. MacDonald, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary. There was a handcraft session, and a festival session with four groups taking part, lantern slides of the Peace Memorial Camp at Lancaster, shown by the Reverend W. Harold Reid, and an address by Mrs. T. K. Chiu on ''The Unchanging Christ''. Miss D. MacNeill led the service of worship and Mrs. MacDonald conducted Vespers.

In April the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, St. Lambert, held a ''Family Night'' with members of the Mission Band, C.G.I.T., Evening Auxiliary and the Home Helpers taking part. The Evening Auxiliary of Stanley Church, Westmount, conducted a Bible Quiz at their March meeting.

Ottawa Presbyterial—The various missionary groups in St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa, held their first family night in April, when Mrs. John Campbell president of the Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society welcomed the Mission Band, the Explorer Group and the C.G.I.T. The leader of the Mission Band, Mrs. P. A. Cossman, sang ''Jesus Loves Me'' in Chinese and a Chinese motion song. Each member of the Explorer's Group told the story of a missionary in China and received a Star of Merit in recognition of their winter's work. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Hellyer, the C.G.I.T. carried out a service of affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society.

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April 30th, 1949

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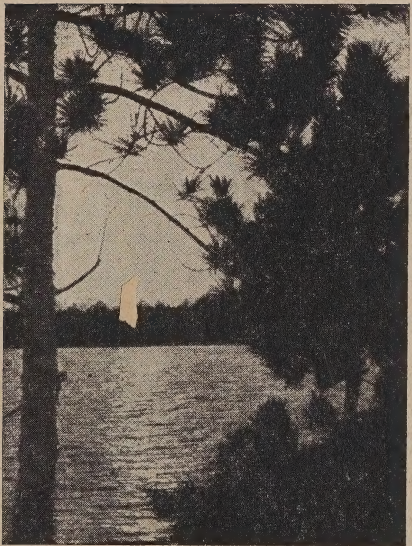

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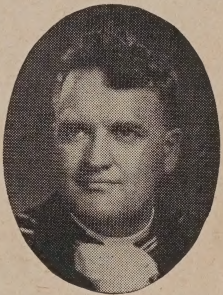
system in which the names of new-comers to our land are forwarded to ministers in the communities to which they are going.

Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary, continued the theme under the title of ‘‘Our Inheritance’’. She pointed out that peoples from other lands had come and had built a land which we have inherited. As a result of their labours: ‘‘Our lot has fallen into pleasant places’’. If we are to be worthy of our inheritance we must carry on their work. She mentioned particularly the need for encouragement in the work among Indian children, in Nursery Schools. It was her prayer, she said, that no work which our Church has already established should be closed through lack of funds or workers. There is work to do in the cities and among new-comers to our land. ‘‘If Canada is to take her place as a Christian country its citizens must show forth the ‘light’, they must realize the importance of their inheritance.’’

The light of Christian fellowship and knowledge as shown at the Amsterdam meeting of the World Council of Churches, was stated by the Right Reverend C. Ritchie Bell, D.D., Moderator of The General Assembly of our Church in 1948. One hundred and forty-seven different units of the Church, representing 47 countries, were brought together in one city and at times under one roof. There were many differences among them, but the suffering caused by war and the realization that they all owned Jesus Christ as Saviour, helped them to understand and appreciate each other’s differences. Surely there was an evidence of light in a dark world when men like Romadka and Foster Dulles could speak vigorously on their philosophies which were in violent opposition, then sit down, shake hands and share the same hymn book. The World Council of Churches exists to throw light on the spiritual problems of the Christian Churches of all nations.


Reverend C. Ritchie Bell, D.D.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, carried on the theme ‘‘Ye are The Light of the World’’. She chose a stage as a metaphor describing non-Christian countries. It was a darkened stage she said, the only light being that brought by Christian missionaries. ‘‘Those who have seen the light, point to the light.’’ The cultured non-Christian citizens of the Orient, the great masses of ragged filthy humanity, the followers of the Hindu faith, were all crowded in the darkest part of the stage. It was Miss Pelton’s opinion that they all desired to step into the light but as yet they had not found the way.

She spoke of the difference that she saw and felt between those who had become Christian and those who had not yet found our Lord. Here is a task for us to continue to send the Light and a greater and more brilliant Light to brighten the stage for millions of God's children.

"Ye are the Light of the World" was the theme of the sermon preached by Reverend C. Charles Cochrane, B.A., B.D., minister of Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount. He placed the responsibility for carrying the Light which Jesus brought into the world, upon those who are His disciples. Jesus is the Light, we must reflect the Light if we would be true followers of the Master.

The theme of the conference was carried on in more practical ways in the closing session, when the light of knowledge was directed to problems of the Evening Department. Miss Luzetta McClelland, Evening Department Secretary on Council Executive, led a discussion period. This period and the whole conference was summed up by Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

The inspiring messages on the lofty theme chosen for the conference, the kindness of those who entertained the delegates, the beauty of the city of Montreal in springtime, all contributed to make this conference a successful one. As one person said "This was my first trip to Montreal and the happiness I experienced there will make it always a beautiful city to me".

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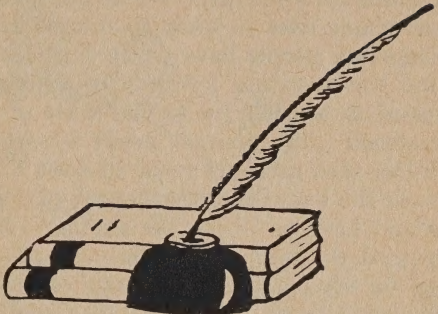

THE months of July and August mean holidays for many of us in the northern hemisphere. When the warm sun blesses the earth with its life-giving rays, our minds stray from the tasks at desks in factories, or in the home. We want to get away and have a change from the regular routine. Even those who till the soil find that the summer months mean change from the routine of winter chores and they are glad to pull out the machinery which will help to harvest the year's crops. It is good for our bodies and for our minds to have a change. For those who can go away from home and see the country, there is an added knowledge of the geography and beauty of our land. Those who spend their holidays at the cottage are seeking rest in cool country air and lazy days in the sand. Whether our holidays are numbered in weeks or in days, we owe it to the jobs we do, to the friends we love, to the Church we serve, to find rest and a renewed interest in the lives we lead. We may be as enthusiastic as can be about our work, but there comes a time in the year when we need to view it from a distance to see it in its true perspective. That is true of our work for the Women's Missionary Society. No matter how successful a year we have had in our Auxiliary, we need to sit back and study our task to find if we could not do a better job next year. These summer months too give us time to read and to meditate. There is time to appreciate the land which our Lord created and to realize that He has provided for our needs and that we can make use of that provision by depending upon His guidance in all the things we do. So may the summer days be happy for you. May you be able to spend them in the manner which will give you the greatest happiness and may you come back in the autumn with enthusiasm not only for the tasks which earn for you your daily bread but for greater service for the Master of us all.

Presbyterian members of the committee responsible for Canadian Church relief abroad are proud of the part members of our Church have taken in that project. From Europe and from the parts of Asia receiving our goods have come many expressions of gratitude. But the job is not yet completed. The Protestant Churches of our land are making new appeals for your help. We do not need to retell the need. We all know of the tragic lives so many thousands have had to live for the past decade. Canadian people have never experienced the poverty of material goods and the resulting lowering of morale which these people have experienced in bearing for us the cause of freedom. We can help both their material and spiritual needs by sending to them food and clothing. When such gifts are received from Church organizations they take with them the knowledge that we are carrying out the teachings of Jesus who would have us ‘‘bear one another’s burdens’’. Plan now to send your unused clothing, the things you and your club or Auxiliary have made up for such purpose and your contributions of money to the committee in your Church responsible for Canadian Church Relief Abroad. Let us all work together to help our brothers and sisters across the seas to know a practical application of Christ’s command to ‘‘love your neighbour’’.

85th Anniversary of Council to be Celebrated in Calgary

THE depressing years of war and their aftermath account for the fact that the Women’s Missionary Society annual Council meeting has been held in Toronto since 1934 when our 70th anniversary was celebrated fittingly in Knox Crescent Church, Montreal.

If 50 years is ‘‘golden’’ and 60 ‘‘diamond’’, 85 must be precious beyond computation! It was realized that the time was ripe for something very special—that the Society (W.D.) belongs to six provinces and that we should again share with one of the western provinces the value and inspiration of holding a Council meeting within its bounds. Therefore, we now anticipate the great pleasure of meeting from September 26th to 30th in Calgary, Alberta, that romantic city of the foot-hills, as yet unknown to many of us. We expect this 85th annual meeting to be one of real uplift in every way. We need a new impetus —a new sense of gratitude for the trails which were blazed for us, and along which we have travelled through the years. In these days God may be waiting for us to blaze new trails for ourselves, and for those who come after us in order that His plans may be worked out. As we lift up our eyes to the eternal hills may our hearts and wills be strengthened to reach far greater heights of endeavour and service.

—M. L. Mc.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

The members of the Women's Missionary Society extend congratulations to Dr. C. L. Cowan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1949. We pray that God may richly bless his year of service in the Church's highest office.

Miss Elspeth Davidson, B.A., missionary teacher in British Guiana, is expected home on furlough in July. Miss Davidson has been teaching religious education in Berbice High School and working among women's, young people's and children's groups in and out of New Amsterdam.

Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N., on furlough from Jobat, India, has spent May doing deputation work in the Synod of Hamilton and London.

Three Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society workers were in Toronto during June taking the Leadership Training course given by the University of Toronto and sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. They are Miss Helen Ross, assistant in the Children's Centre, Vancouver, Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess at Chapman Camp, British Columbia, and Miss Agnes Hislop, Meath Park, Saskatchewan, who has been appointed to work on an overseas field.

Miss Margaret Boyd, Victoria, B.C. is spending the summer months doing deaconess work in north east Calgary. Miss Boyd was working in Flin Flon during the winter. There she carried on the services of the Church among the Presbyterian community. Her work now is being taken up by the General Board of Missions.

Reverend John and Mrs. Elder, Georgetown, and Mr. and Mrs. K. F. McKenzie, New Amsterdam are expected in Canada during the summer, on furlough from their work in British Guiana.

In Search of Teen-Agers

Miss Winnifred Wygal, former Y.W.C.A. Secretary in the United States in an interview described conferences with Church and lay leaders in 35 Canadian cities.

MISS Winnifred Wygal recently completed a trip across our Dominion. The trip was sponsored by the National Council of the Y.W.C.A. and the purpose was to confer with leaders of young people in both the Y and Church organizations on the present trends in youth interests. In all of the 35 centres visited, Miss Wygal found people intensely interested in finding ways and means of directing the thoughts and actions of older teen-age girls and boys to the Christian Church and the Christian way of life. She found that the people with whom she met were unanimously of the opinion that the youth of to-day were confused and troubled. They discussed the places where the Church and the Y could have done a better job. Few were satisfied with the degree in which they had, up to the moment, interested younger people.

Miss Wygal sees the teen-age girls of today as individuals who are distracted by the gadgets of modern civilization, by the speed with which life moves. She believes that the Church must use greater imagination in its appeal to youth, that there must be more teaching of the younger people and less preaching at them, that professional and lay leaders should be trying to see ways of doing things freshly. These observations are not new to us, if we have been following the problems of youth and the Church, but they do serve to remind us that every organization interested in Christianity has a task for which it is responsible.

Actual methods by which our desired goals may be obtained are hard to define. The Y.W.C.A. uses the methods of social agencies. But the method which we can all employ in this phase of missionary work was suggested by Miss Wygal as she pointed out that she believed that religion was caught more than it was taught, that it is what women do that makes the impression. ''The layman's business is to live religion'', she stated.

The Church needs youth to carry on its work throughout the world. Youth needs the Church to interpret the world's only philosophy of peace and redemption. May those who, like Miss Wygal are seeking youth for the Church, find them ready and willing to serve with body, mind and spirit.

First Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Celebrates the Burning of the Mortgage

TEN years from the time the Hungarian Church in Toronto first opened its doors, the congregation was able to clear the debts incurred in its building and begin its life as owner in its own right of the pretty little church on McCaul Street in Toronto. The ceremony of burning the mortgage took place at a congregational dinner at which Hungarians young and old, men and women who had been many years in Canada and those who the week before had been welcomed to the church enjoyed a happy evening together.

Reverend Charles and Mrs. Steinmetz were the central figures in the evening's proceedings as they recalled the history of the Presbyterian Hungarian community. Mr. Steinmetz recalled the gift which the Women's Missionary Society gave them thirteen years ago. That gift allowed them to purchase the lot. Aided by the Church and by loans from their own people, the construction of the building was started in 1938. Now the church is nicely furnished and in addition its members are proud of a fine new pipe organ.

Dr. E. A. Thomson represented the Church at the ceremonies. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae expressed the good wishes of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Recording Secretary of our Society was present and in a few words expressed the pride that we all have in the achievement which the Hungarian Presbyterians have accomplished. Mrs. Charles Steinmetz, Women's Missionary Society deaconess at the Hungarian church, recalled the years she had spent working for the Society, and how proud she had always been to be able to help her own people to become part of the Christian Church in our land. As a mark of their affection for their deaconess, the women of the congregation presented Mrs. Steinmetz with a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

The Corner Stone is Laid for the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Montreal

ON the afternoon of May 20, Reverend Paul Chan laid the cornerstone of the new building which is to house the Chinese congregation of which he is the minister. The church and the community centre is located in the heart of the Chinese community in Montreal. Assisting in the ceremonies were members of Presbytery and the committee on the Chinese Mission. Members of the Women's Missionary Society have long been interested in the work among the Chinese. In Montreal, Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie are our workers. We all pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon His work in the Chinese Presbyterian community in Montreal, and that the people there may watch the erection of their church and know as the days go on that His Spirit is ever their Guide. It is with this knowledge in their hearts that the leaders in the community are going forth this summer to seek the material assistance needed to complete the building. They have seen the growth of their following during the years since the mission was started in 1882. At that time Mr. Paul Chan's father, Reverend Chan Nam Singh assisted in establishing the work. Anyone now who is acquainted with the congregation and the work being done among its members realizes that the steps being taken to give them a consecrated building in which to worship, to carry on group work and to enjoy hours of leisure and relaxation are steps which will bring more and more Chinese people to the knowledge of God.

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In addition to these copies sent for the branches, a copy of the Annual Report is mailed *directly to each Synodical and Presbyterial officer* for the current year whose name is listed (with her address) in the printed Report, as well as to new officers that were reported too late for printing. If any officer does not receive her copy, she should notify the Editor, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1.

Leadership Camps for W.M.S. Ladies

MUCH has been said about the camps we have provided for girls and children. After mothers have worked hard to get their young folk off to the country, they deserve to have a chance to go to camp themselves. Miss Frieda Matthews has told us how that very thing can be done.

Leadership camps for leaders of Mission Bands, Explorers, girls' groups have been established in two of our W.M.S. camps: Christopher Lake Camp and at Westminster Camp. You can spend a week end, whether you are a leader or not, enjoying the relaxation and the inspiration which careful planning provides for you there. The camps are arranged by Presbyterials or by departments of our Women's Missionary Society. Leadership is usually found among the office staff, regional workers and deaconesses. Read a sentence or two from Miss Hildur Hermanson's letter written last year concerning the adult camp at Christopher Lake. (Miss Hermanson was then on furlough from Formosa.) ''The adult camp at Christopher Lake was a time of wonderful fellowship for us all and Isabel Scott gave us some splendid talks on group worship, Sunday School and girls' groups. We were all ages from 3½ to 77 years! Winnie Ripley took charge of the wee ones while we adults studied. I talked missions all day!''

Shoal Lake Camp

It is the hope of those arranging adult camps for this summer, that representatives of each department of our work may be able to attend from the Presbyterials near those camps. Here is your opportunity for a week without responsibility of preparing meals and keeping the house. Make plans now to attend an adult camp. Further information can be obtained from the convener of your Synod's Camp Committee.

Summer Camps and Schools for Children

BY MISS LILY M. MACARTHUR

MORE and more emphasis is being placed on the opportunity the summer vacation gives to the Church for the Christian Education and training of children. Church Vacation Schools and Camps give to children happy experiences in fellowship as they study, work and play together in an atmosphere where they may have built up habits of reverence, goodwill and helpfulness. A pamphlet on ''The Opportunity of the Vacation School'' says: ''Even if it is held for only a week, it provides as many hours of instruction as the average child attending Sunday School receives in a whole year. The varied programme of stories and Bible study, singing, games, worship and handwork, attracts many children who otherwise are rarely touched by the ministry of the Church, and inspires with new interest those children who do attend the regular Sunday School.'' ''In many communities the Church Vacation School is a co-operative enterprise with leaders from the different communions sharing the work and responsibility of the school.''

For many of the children who have been at camp, the week or ten days spent there, is the peak experience of the summer. For some there is the excitement and novelty of being away from home alone for the first time and of sleeping in a dormitory or cabin. To give a feeling of security and, when advisable, a bit of mothering, each dormitory and cabin has a counsellor who sleeps there and gives any needed assistance and guidance.

The day begins with a dip, breakfast, and ''Morning Praise'' around the table. Then after kitchen and dorm duties comes Bible study, swimming, free time, dinner, tuck shop, rest hour, crafts, swimming, supper, dishes, ''Evening Praise'', stunts, games, dramatizations and stories, sometimes around a camp fire, bed-time snack and lights out at nine o'clock.

It is interesting and enlightening to hear a group of juniors discuss camp experiences. One realizes that these children are being influenced, not so much by the planned programme and teaching, as by the attitude, interest, understanding and day-by-day living of those who are their leaders.

A total of over nine million seven hundred thousand copies of the Scriptures in one hundred and fifty-one languages were distributed throughout the world in 1948 by the American Bible Society, it was reported at this Society's annual meeting in New York. More than half these copies were sent abroad.

An Experience From A First Year In India

BY MISS HAZEL REAVELEY

FOR the months of November and December I had an opportunity to visit with another mission, an arrangement having been made for me to study with their language teacher since there was no teacher available for me at the time in Jhansi. While there I had an opportunity one week end to spend several days in camp with some of their Indian evangelists. Those two days gave me my first real glimpse of the Indian village and of the type of people to whom I will likely be taking the Gospel. I had time to have several chats with the evangelists and was able to see something of their method of approach to these people who had no background of Christian teaching.

Miss Hazel Reaveley

During my second night in camp we were in a rather unique village. It was made up of the robber caste. These people had created so much trouble in their area that the government collected them all together and put them in this one village. Sometime during every night (they never knew just at what time it would be) the police came and called the roll. Every man had to be there and to answer for himself. In this way the police kept a check on them and helped to prevent night robberies. The people looked innocent and harmless enough to me and actually they had not been carrying on their old trade of robbery but were now cultivating the land which had been granted to them by the state government. We held our meeting in this village after dark when the men had returned from the field. It was at this time that I suddenly realized what the evangelist is up against when he is faced with a group of illiterate people who have absolutely no background in the Christian faith. The question of making an approach and finding a point of contact where one can meet their mind and spirit seems to pose a tremendous barrier. It hit me forcefully when the evangelist asked me if I would speak to them and bring them a message. (I spoke in English of course, my language is not up to speeches yet and besides these people speak a corrupt form of Hindi that is somewhat different from that which I am studying at present.) The evangelist translated for me. It had never occurred to me until that moment that in all the public speaking I had done in the past it had always been to groups of people whose background was essentially Christian. Therefore, I could talk along without stopping to explain the most basic things or words which I used. But this was vastly different. When I mentioned God, that which would come into their mind at the word would be something entirely different from the God of Israel, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. I tried to talk to them as simply as possible but that experience set me thinking.

The most crucial point in reaching these people is that at which one makes contact with the spiritual hunger that gnaws somewhere within them. To make just that one point of contact it would seem very clear that at the very least, a thorough knowledge of the people, their religion, customs and inner aspirations is essential. Then the evangelist has to be keenly aware of the point at which his message sparks in any one of the men and women he has before him. Should he miss that spark of response it may mean that he will pass over the key man or woman in that village who might have become the spear head of a new Christian community. If the evangelist loses out at this point it may mean that the advance of Christianity in that district is set back ten, twenty or more years or may even be permanently shut out. It is here that one realizes how heavily they have to depend upon God's Spirit for guidance.

I believe that one night in camp was perhaps the most valuable experience my first year in India has brought to me. It has taught me two perhaps very elementary things. First, that the missionary must seek to become thoroughly informed concerning the specific group of people with whom she is to work. That there is no phase of their life and thinking that can afford to be passed over. And secondly, that the missionary who has any notion of making contact with them spiritually must lean heavily upon the guidance of the Spirit of God. The last should go without saying. But I think perhaps sometimes one unconsciously leans on his own plans and methods more than is realized and in doing so there is a failure to gradually acquire as one should the keen spiritual insight that comes of a constant leaning upon God.

Create in us the splendour that dawns when hearts are kind;
That knows not race nor colour as boundaries of the mind;
That learns to value beauty, in heart, or brain, or soul;
And longs to bind God's children into one perfect whole.
—Exchange.

The Harvest Has Only Begun

BY REVEREND JAMES DICKSON, TAIWAN

Reverend James Dickson

NEARLY two years ago we went to the aboriginal village of Kapan for the first Christian meetings. That first night there was no open meeting as the head men of the district were uncertain as to whether they should allow the entrance of Christianity into the community. For over fifty years they had been taught that Christianity was a doctrine which should not be allowed, and these aborigines had never heard the Gospel. The head of the district, the chief of police, principal of the primary school, the doctor, and others met with us until almost midnight, questioning us regarding the nature of this religion which we had come to preach. Among this group of the leaders of the community was a woman whose name was Li Goat-Kiau. We soon learned that she was one of the two most influential leaders of the community, the other one being an aboriginal doctor by the name of Lim who was the government health officer in the district.

After the first meeting with the head people of the community permission was given for a meeting to be held, and this meeting was held the next day. The people gathered in large numbers from many of the thirty-three villages of the Kapan district, and the response to the presentation of the Gospel was overwhelming. Li Goat-Kiau, who was able to speak the Formosan language, volunteered to act as our interpreter when we came again, and to go with us to the thirty-three villages in order to reach all the people. Mr. Lim, the doctor, the other prominent leader, had remained rather hostile to the message of Christ. He was not one to be easily changed from his set views. However, we persuaded him to act as interpreter from the Japanese to the Tyal dialect as he was a well-educated man, and in this way we were able not only to insure his attendance at the meetings, but also to have him get a better understanding of the message as he interpreted it to his people.

We also learned that there was a long standing feud between the doctor and Li Goat-Kiau. They were always opposed to one another in all matters in the community. It was largely a matter of personal enmity which had been fed by little frictions and strife through the years. They seemed to feel there was no way to heal this breach.

A year passed and we were again in Kapan for meetings. Several hundred people in the meantime had declared their intention to become Christians, and they had purchased many Bibles. Both Li Goat-Kiau and the doctor were at the meeting this time, and listened to the story of Nicodemus and of how Jesus told him, ''Ye must be born again.'' Afterwards we heard that very early the next morning Li Goat-Kiau had gone to the doctor's house. ''Let us both be born again,'' she told him. ''Let us make a new start, forgetting all the past, and now live the Christian way.'' There in the dawn of a new day they made their peace.

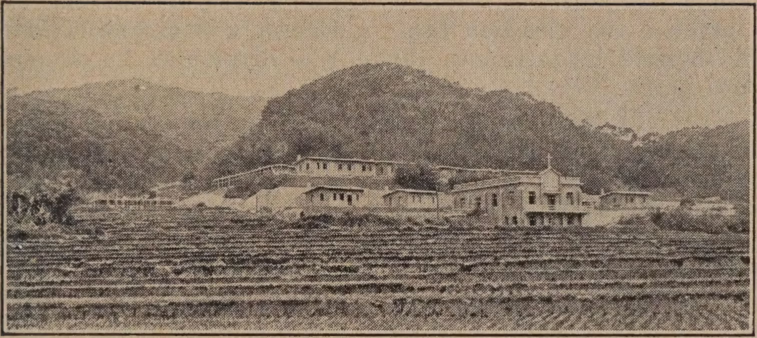
The doctor is now in Taipeh city employed in the bureau of aboriginal affairs. Li Goat-Kiau is also in Taipeh being taught by a Christian woman preparing to go into full-time Christian service. The doctor recently came to her and said, ''I cannot understand the change which has taken place in you. You used to drink and smoke, use bad language, and had a bad temper. Now you are completely changed.'' She was able to tell more of the reason for this change, for she is now a ''new creature in Christ'' with a new purpose in life.

We have great hopes that this woman will become a second Chi-oang doing on the West Coast what Chi-oang did on the East Coast. Chi-oang led over a thousand people to Christ!

Happy Mount Leprosy Colony — 1948

THE picture you see on page 281 of Happy Mount Leprosy Colony will recall to *Glad Tidings* readers, the contribution which our Women's Missionary Society made to building the chapel, which as you can see from the picture caption, has been dedicated in our name. You will be interested in sharing in a description which has come to us, of a more modern view of the colony.

''At least two things impress the average visitor to Happy Mount Leprosy Colony. The first is its location. Situated on a beautiful, wooded hillside, with terraced rice fields in the foreground, sloping gently towards the blue waters of the Formosan Channel, it is a place of unusual beauty. In the background, the hills rise up rather steeply, making the colony to appear, from the distance, to be nestled in the foothills. It has, during the past few years, blended into the background, so that many of the buildings are invisible to-day. The trees



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Taiwan, China.
Chapel in the foreground.

which were planted about the grounds when the colony was established have grown up and they cover much of the grounds where there are no buildings. Also the "Golden Shower", a vine which was planted extensively around the buildings, has grown up and covered most of them. In February, when it is in bloom, it is one of the most magnificent sights in the island. Japan is famous for its cherry blossoms and thousands of people go to view them but more than one visitor to Happy Mount has declared that here we have a sight when the Golden Shower is in bloom, that surpasses the spectacle of the cherry blossoms in Japan.

The second feature of Happy Mount, which impresses every visitor, is the appearance of the clean strong buildings. Each is of brick with a cement floor and roof. Practically no repairs have been made to the buildings since they were constructed and it is not likely that they will need repairs for decades to come. Above the door of each cottage, is inscribed the name of the donor. As one reads these names, one is impressed with the fact that the establishment of this institution was an international effort. One building bears an inscription showing that it was the gift of the Lepers of Molakai in the Hawaiian Islands. Another is the gift of the Dowager Empress of Japan. What varied races and classes have reached out their helping hands to the Lepers of Formosa!

As the colony is approached from the front along the main road, the large concrete cross on the top of the chapel, stands out against the sky. It is the most prominent object as one enters the colony. The founder of the colony, Dr. Gushue-Taylor, intended it to be the most prominent thing in the colony as well. With untiring patience the lepers were taught to read the Scriptures, sing the Christian hymns and practice the Christian life. A church was organized in their midst, directed by their own elders, who distributed the sacraments to them.

We would like to report more progress in the healing of the patients of the colony but as most of them are patients who have had leprosy for some time, too much cannot be expected along this line. Three new patients were admitted during the year. The total number is now thirty-four. One of these was a high school teacher, one a nineteen year old boy and the third, a woman who has had leprosy for ten years. All three are afflicted with nerve leprosy. There is room for a larger number of patients and it is hoped that all available space can be utilized for those who are not now being served.

In carrying on this work, we have not been without problems and we have encountered many difficulties, but it is a service in which we have also had much satisfaction. Jesus said: ''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.''

Notes From Girls' Camps

From Alba Bates, Prince Albert.

I think camp is the best place that I have ever had the privilege to go. Th Christian friendships that are made, the swimming, softball, interest groups, campfires, and the wonderful leadership in Christian living just can't be beat.

Anne Lennox, Vancouver, comments on camp interest groups.

An organized camp with each day packed full of things to do, that is what everyone really enjoys. What a blessing it was for leaders when interest groups were thought of. These groups usually consist of two types, studies and handcrafts. From my camp-day memories I would say that my favourite study was nature study, which is usually divided into the study of birds, plants and animals. Handcraft of course includes leather work, shell work, silhouette painting and woodwork plus many more. Aside from the help interest groups offer leaders in planning an interesting camp day, many young people are introduced to a lifetime hobby, which would seem to be sufficient reason to indicate the value of camp interest groups.

Home Work

East Selkirk, Manitoba

MacBeth Presbyterian Church, East Selkirk, Manitoba.

AS the summer months roll around again, we think that the time has come for a little relief in the busy round which has been ours all winter. That thought was in our minds too, but then we began to consider the fact that the work of the Church or of a missionary society cannot stop because it is summer. In fact the summer season is a time when a great deal of work is done by Auxiliaries throughout the land. This fact was borne upon us when we received a note from Mrs. John Martin of East Selkirk, Manitoba. Accompanying the note was a very attractive picture of the Presbyterian Church in East Selkirk. It is one which has been taken since the one you see in the cut on this page, and it indicates without a doubt that the work with which the Women's Missionary Society helped in 1932, is still bearing much fruit in that community. Mrs. Martin wrote about the pride the members of the church took in its appearance, how the ladies of the church had worked together to take care of the building, and of the work which they completed last summer in having the outside of the church painted. Mrs. Martin recalled the work which Miss Dorothy Jenkinson had done in the employ of the Women's Missionary Society. In 1929, she was responsible for bringing together people of several nations in Central Europe who at that time were settling in new homes in Manitoba. These people had the desire to worship together regardless of the faith which was theirs in the old land. Ladies' Auxiliary, Sunday School, Young People's and Mission Band groups were organized and met in the school, in homes and in a rented vacant building. In August of 1932, the church was dedicated. ''I have a prized copy of *Glad Tidings,* October, 1932 telling all about the dedication'', writes Mrs. Martin.

Now after nineteen years, the church is connected with Knox Presbyterian Church, Selkirk and has regular services all the year. Trees and shrubbery, planted when the building was dedicated, now give a warm attractive appearance to the church. ''The ladies have made themselves responsible for care of the building and have had it painted once before inside and out. There is a very real and deep sense of gratitude always in our hearts to the Women's Missionary Society, to several churches in Ontario and to the members of Winnipeg Presbyterial, who have been a source of much encouragement; to Miss Jenkinson, and to the missionaries and ministers who later took charge of the work.''

So, we see, the work is never done, that great joy comes when we take time and trouble to keep Christ's Church constantly in our thoughts.

Monetville, Ontario

Every once in a while, we hear people say that they wish they could escape from the complicated life of the city to the quiet countryside. Perhaps these people have an idea that country life is one long holiday, that events there are always peaceful and quiet. If you happen to possess such an idea, we would like you to give close attention to the letter which came to us from Mrs. Lawrence of Monetville.

Mrs. Lawrence, before her marriage, lived in one of Canada's larger cities. Now she is living in a small Ontario community sixty miles from Sudbury. Here she finds plenty of ''home work'', work which brings Christian teaching and Christian love to an isolated area. ''My husband built a log home two years ago. It is really still 'in the making'. The living room is 16′ x 20′, so is large enough to have groups of children in for meals, songs or games. . . . It has been rather difficult to get a teacher for our little log school which is rather out-of the way in the bush, so I have been teaching. I have, at present, ten grades to teach. . . . I only have a mile to walk each day. I have walked it when the temperature was 35 degrees below zero and not infrequently in storms and blizzards, but I am thankful for good health. I was so proud of our attendance record last year which was an average of 99%. . . . We have one day a week set aside for hymn singing at school and every day the students read from their Bibles and we have memorized several passages.

There is no Presbyterian Church nearer than Sudbury, so we just try to co-operate with the group that meets in the school house each Sunday. Our own children were able to attend 52 Sundays last year and the twins obtained their third seal for their Robert Raikes certificates. I teach a Sunday School class when I am needed.

We try to entertain a pupil in our home once a week, while I in turn, try to visit a home at least once a week. I was bicycling until the middle of December and since then the visiting has been somewhat curtailed as it takes so long to walk to some of the homes.

There is no music teacher within a radius of many miles so, for the past two years I have been giving piano lessons. I have had from three to nine pupils. These for the most part, receive their lessons on Saturdays.

Time, seems to be the thing we need most to do many of the things we plan, but we all have the same length of day, if we could only make the best use of it!

I had all my pupils for a tobogganing party recently and afterwards when we came to our home for cookies and cocoa and I saw how truly happy they all were, I rejoiced that God had placed me here to give me an opportunity to do a little bit of good.''

I think we would all agree that Mrs. Lawrence is taking her part in her home community with the many servants of the Church who are bringing to people near and far the warm fellowship which is engendered under Christ's guidance.

Miss Zena Cavana writes from Isle Pierre, B.C.

Last fall I started holding a Sunday School here in the school where I am teaching, as there is no church nearer than Prince George, over thirty miles away.

Most of the youngsters have become interested in missionaries and were quite enthusiastic about using their year's Sunday School offerings as a gift for missions.

When I was telling of our mission work I mentioned the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home, Amkhut, India, and the youngsters suggested sending their money to it. I know it is a very small sum compared to the expenses of the Home, but perhaps there is something the enclosed money order will help to buy. With it go our prayers for all the children in the home and the workers there. May they have God's richest blessing.

About Subscriptions

For the past three months we have been stressing the sale of half-yearly subscriptions to *Glad Tidings.* In some presbyterials, the response to the campaign and to the very small half-yearly rate has been splendid. But we have noticed in compiling the material for the Annual Report for 1948, that there were many auxiliaries last year which did not have as many subscribers as they had members. *Is that true in your auxiliary?* We as publishers of the magazine need your support to finance its printing and mailing. You as auxiliary members need our help in keeping you informed of the work your money is doing in the mission fields at home and abroad. Discuss *Glad Tidings* with members of your auxiliary the next time you see them. Let us aim to have *Glad Tidings* in every home represented in our Presbyterian Church.

I Sat Upon A Stone

I sat upon a stone,
One leg across the other thrown,
One hand I propped my elbow in,
And in the other hand my chin
And half my cheek was hidden.
With heavy thought my mind was ridden;
How best we in this world should live.
There was no answer I could give,
To set three things together,
That none should hurt another.
The two are honour and worldly gain,
That often work each other's bane.
The third is God, His grace,
That takes the highest place.
I wished them all within one shrine.
It could not be, vain wish of mine,
That honour and possession,
And grace, without division,
Should be within one heart united:
The one or other will be blighted.
See, treason in the alley waits,
And Might is captain of the streets.
Peace grovels sick, Right is repealed.
The three will none be safe on Earth,
unless the two be firstly healed.

—Walther von der Vogelweide (1170-1228).
(Set into English verse after the Mediaeval German by Ian G. Colvin.)
(Edward Arnold and Co., London, 1938).

Colvin's note on the above poem:

''To understand this great poem, apply it to the state of Germany to-day (1938), which, for all its pomp and strength, produces excruciating conflicts of loyalty in serious minds. Walther saw Church and State at war, while the strong rode roughshod after their ambitions and the greedy took what they could. This is his earliest political poem, *circa* 1198, when civil war began between Otto and Philip. His posture, self-described in the first five lines, is eternised in the Manessische Manuscript and typifies Walther for posterity.''

From Preface

''We learn from Walther what thoughts moved men in his lifetime . . . 'I saw the World,' he cried in his political verses, and disclosed his sad jeremiads on the fate of Germany . . . for he saw in the proper education of youth the guarantee of civilization.'' ''Christians, Jews and heathens'' can turn to this old master for the freshness of his thoughts, for his natural love, humanity and courage, the poet of every man, Herr Walther von der Vogelweide.''

Prayer

OUR Loving Heavenly Father be near to us as we enter the holiday season, and make our leisure a real blessing as we forget our cares for a while. Open our eyes, we pray Thee, to behold the wonder and beauty of Thy world. We thank Thee that we dwell in a land of freedom where we can sing of Thy praises in our homes and in our churches. Help us dear Father to remember that our blessings mean greater responsibilities for us.

We thank Thee for Thy abundant provision for our needs. As we enjoy our gifts help us to be mindful of the needs of others and to share our blessings with those in need. Help us to meet each day trusting in Thy promise that as our days so shall our strength be. Teach us to realize that even the ordinary duties of each day may be done as unto Thee. We pray that Thou wilt make our lives a blessing to those about us so that we may be a worthy example to others.

''Oh not for more or longer days,
Lord, my prayer shall be,
But rather teach me how to use
The days now given me.''

Pardon our many sins and may we ever trust in Thy tender mercies and in Thy gracious promises. Bless our missionaries, protect and keep them and all who make Thy Gospel known in every congregation across our land. Bless those who hear the Word, may their hearts be opened to receive Thy message of Truth and Love.

These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

He who faithfully prays at home does as much for foreign missions as the man on the field, for the nearest way to the heart of a Hindu or a Chinaman is by way of the throne of God.—Eugene Stock.

I never prayed sincerely for anything but it came, at some time—no matter at how distant a day—somehow, in some shape—it came.—Adoniram Judson.

I resolve to devote an hour morning and evening to private prayer, no pretense, no excuse whatsoever.—John Wesley.

Prayer is like opening a sluice between the great ocean and our little channels, when the sea gathers itself together and flows in at full tide.—Tennyson.

I am so busy now that if I did not spend two or three hours each day in prayer, I could not get through the day.—Martin Luther.

Missionary Quiz

BY (MRS. DAVID) MAY C. SMITH

1. Who founded:
    - (a) The China Inland Mission
    - (b) The Sudan Interior Mission
    - (c) The Salvation Army
    - (d) The British and Foreign Bible Society

2. Who where the following:
    - (a) The White Angel of Tokyo
    - (b) The White Queen of Okoyong
    - (c) Ann of Ava

3. What great missionaries were known as:
    - (a) The Black-bearded Barbarian
    - (b) The musical missionary doctor
    - (c) The great missionary explorer
    - (d) The ship-building missionary
    - (e) The deep-sea doctor of Labrador

4. To what countries did the following missionaries go:
    - (a) Adoniram Judson
    - (b) John G. Paton
    - (c) William Carey
    - (d) Robert Morrison
    - (e) Robert Moffat

5. What places were once known as:
    - (a) The Dark Continent
    - (b) The Hermit nation
    - (c) The Celestial Empire
    - (d) The Land of the Rising Sun
    - (e) The Martyr Isle

6. What great missionary:
    - (a) Died on his knees beside his cot
    - (b) Worked seven years for his first convert
    - (c) Was killed, and provided a cannibal feast
    - (d) Left his whole heathen island parish Christian

(Answers on page 290)

Dr. John Geddie Centenary

Miss J. Neilson, International Secretary of the Women's Missionary Association of New South Wales writes the following account of the centenary of Dr. Geddie's landing in the New Hebrides.

". . . I have intended to write before to tell you about the centenary of the New Hebrides Mission last year. My cousin, Mrs. McLennan, went from Victoria to represent the Geddie family, she also being a granddaughter and a missionary's daughter. . . . She dedicated a launch, the 'John Geddie' while there and visited the scenes of her childhood. The island on which Dr. John Geddie landed is almost depopulated and no ceremonies were held there. She thought there was no chance of seeing it when the boat on which she was returning called in at Aneityam. As she stood and looked on shore the date was July 29th, 1948 and the Geddies landed there on July 29th, 1848. What a coincidence. The next morning she landed and saw the ruins of the church John Geddie built. . . ."

If I Had To Choose One Book

The writer is a member of a Y.M.C.A. - Y.W.C.A. student group of Displaced Persons. She is a Latvian. . . .

FOR the last time I went round my room; for the last time before the flight began—the flight into the great Unknown. I had already said goodbye to every well-loved possession—the windowsill framing a view of the garden below, the hearth where on long winter evenings the fire burnt so brightly, the old Teddy Bear which had lost an eye. For the last time my fingers strayed over the rows of books which had stood straight and unmoved like a picture of the saints during the recents days of terror. There were the poets of my country, which I used to say to myself in bed in the blue half-light; there was Goethe who had taught me the strength and meaning of life. Beside him Cervantes and Shakespeare showing me mankind as well as much-loved men and women. On the next row Francis, the saint of Assisi, who had so often helped me to praise God. There they stood in their rows looking at me and waiting to see which one I would choose to take with me over the long, untrodden ways of exile.

No, the Book I was looking for was not put away on the shelves, between the old Indian Upanishads and the Dialogues of Confucius. The plain black book that we call the Bible is always close to my hand, on my writing table or beside my bed. Indeed, its contents are found in all life, in every dying leaf and in the eyes of the little child who cannot yet spell out the words. It is in all books, for all other books are contained in this one. Is it not Philosophy and Law and History and Poetry? Yet even if a book contained all that we have ever thought and felt or discovered or imagined, that would still not be the Bible. We can put all the books in the world beside it and say that together they are equal to the One. But the One alone is more and greater than all the others, for it is the Eternal Book. In all other books we speak or sing or stammer to God, even if we believe we deny Him. But in the Bible God speaks to us. In the great human masterpieces we see signs of God, but in the Bible God shows Himself to us. And so the Bible is a living book and it is a living Book because God is a living God.

If we were to open the Bible for the first time and read "Take no thought for your life . . . nor for your body . . . for the life is the more than meat and the body than raiment . . ." (Matt. 6 : 25), would we not have to kneel down and confess that we to-day had gone so far from God and would not the words come to our lips, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

And so if I have once more to leave everything and go, and if all the spiritual treasures that have come to me from books must stay behind, I shall give a lingering farewell caress to white paper and green leather bindings, and shall take with me only one book with a worn cover but with timeless content, and I shall have with me more than all the literature of the whole world.

—*Benita Petkevic.*
(Translated from German.)
—*"World's Y.M.C. Monthly."*
—From *Ministering Women.*

Answers

1 (a) Hudson Taylor; (b) Gowan, Kent and Bingham; (c) William Booth; (d) A group of London business men.
2. (a) Caroline Macdonald; (b) Mary Slessor of Calabar; (c) Ann Judson of Burma.
3. (a) George Leslie Mackay, of Formosa; (b) Dr. Schweitzer of Africa; (c) Livingstone of Africa; (d) John Williams, the Apostle of Polynesia; (e) Dr. Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador.
4. (a) Burma; (b) South Sea Islands; (c) India; (d) China; (e) Africa.
5. (a) Africa; (b) Korea; (c) China; (d) Japan; (e) Erromanga.
6. (a) Livingstone; (b) Morrison; (c) Williams; (d) Geddie.

Notes from Christian Literacy News Letter

A MISSIONARY writes from the Belgian Congo, ''We believe, under God, that a tremendous responsibility rests upon us to make available to African peoples the precious life-giving Word of God in their own vernaculars,'' (William Dean). Mabel Nowlin, in West China, writes, ''Christian literature is in great demand, and is one of the constructive forces amidst the confusion in the thinking of so many in this land.'' Again from Africa, ''I sincerely believe that these adult literacy lessons, taught in the Christ-like spirit of Dr. Laubach, will prove as great an agency of evangelization as our medical work. As we battled with the intricacies of the Kiyansi and Kibumbu languages last week, we had our first real contact with the people we hope to win.''—(Viola Smith).

In response to an emergency asking from India for paper for printing Christian literature, over fifty tons of paper are being shipped through Church World Service to Madras, Bombay and Lahore for distribution to eight presses in India and Pakistan. Four gifts totalling over $7,500 are already in hand and another large shipment must be sent at once while paper restrictions are off. Printing will be for theological literature, general evangelistic needs and literature for new literates.

News has just come from Japan of the first edition (20,000) of a Christian rural magazine, *Nomin Kurabu* (The Farmers' Club); this will tie in with the programme for 4-H clubs now being developed in that country.

''We hope that God rules us by His truth and righteousness for a *new age.* We must revive and start again with the foundations of truth in God.'' This, from the introduction to another new Japanese magazine, *New Age* published by the Mainiche Newspaper Company, shows the hope and faith of present day Christians in Japan. For such Christian publications a shipment has just gone to Japan in response to an urgent asking. . . .

China's literature producing centre, threatened with the advance of communism, has arranged to send out their available stocks of Christian literature to distribution points from which they can be circulated even through communist dominated areas. The Council of Christian Publishers in Shanghai has sent an urgent emergency asking of $24,000 for establishment of these distribution centres, and removal of plates and other materials to places of safety. The Conference of British Missionary Societies has already paid $8,000. We are asking American Boards for $16,000.

Agencies Which Help to Spread the Story of Missions Throughout the World

WHEN the Canadian Overseas Missions Council met some weeks ago, a very interesting hour of that meeting was devoted to a description of those agencies which help the missionary in his task of spreading the Gospel. One is the Bible Society. ''In any country, for any people, in any language, where the Gospel is being preached, we are ready to print, distribute and issue a Gospel, New Testament or Bible, so that the Church in time may be indigenous.'' Thus Reverend W. H. Hudspeth, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland stated the work the Society is doing.

Dr. L. S. Albright, Director of the Canadian School of Missions, told how that institution seeks to provide studies which are undertaken co-operatively. Missionaries receive up-to-date training, while they are on furlough. Ministers are receiving training, qualifying them to present the world-wide needs of missions. He saw a need for greater help given to ministers and missionaries, and felt this could be done through centres established in leading cities in Canada.

The Canadian Council of Churches is the third agency which is supported by the interdenominational funds and serves all Protestant Churches—indeed it is, and can be an effective force for the whole Christian community in our land. Dr. W. J. Gallagher is its Secretary and he described the committees which serve the various fields of Church work. The Week of Prayer programmes, the University Missions are just two of the accomplishments of The Council of Churches. Because it embraces most of the Protestant communion, it has the ability to call together representatives of those communions to meet emergencies which affect the whole Church.

The Y.M.C.A. works in foreign lands as well as in North America. Mr. Basil Tippet, Secretary for the organization, explained that their aim is to seek and train worthwhile men in the various nations to carry on the work of the Association. Thus the Y.M.C.A. becomes indigenous. Fraternal Secretaries, from North America, are employed as advisors.

There is a saying that misery likes company—thus we had a feeling of understanding when we read the Editor's Notes from *Ministering Women* a Presbyterian Women's Missionary Association publication from New South Wales, Australia. We quote from the ''Note'': ''Our circulation is not sufficient to meet the ever growing printing expenses, though much voluntary help is given in dispatching the paper. It was therefore decided by the Committee that the price must be raised, though we take this step with reluctance, and from next issue it will be 3/- per annum.''

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

Theme for 1949 - 50

IN a recent issue of *The Glad Tidings* Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who had been on an evangelistic tour in Japan, was quoted as expressing the conviction that Japan is "the most promising field for Christian missions today". During the mission study year 1949-50 members of all age groups within the Women's Missionary Society will have the opportunity of learning more about Japan and why such a statement can be made.

Boys and girls in the Mission Band and Explorer Groups will make friends with Japanese boys and girls; the members of the teen-age groups will learn of the problems which confront Christian young people in Japan and how they meet these problems; the members of the Auxiliaries will consider the conditions, political and religious, which have made the Japanese people what they are, the place of Christianity in Japan, the part The Presbyterian Church in Canada has had in taking the Christian Message to that land, the background of the work among the Koreans in Japan, the work among those exiles from their homeland and the part we have today in the Christian Mission to Japan.

We are considering the theme *Japan* at a very opportune time and we hope that all groups will not only use the study materials which will be available in the Autumn but also the many excellent books which will be advertised as supplementary material for use with the studies and for individual reading.

Watch this page during the months ahead for more detailed information concerning the books on Japan, and watch the Book List on the inside of the back cover for the names of books and materials and the prices.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

These are some of the questions asked and discussed at recent Synodical meetings:

1. Is it correct to announce "The Women's Missionary Society will meet on .... at 3:00 p.m. in the school room"?
   No, it is not correct. It is the *Auxiliary* of the Women's Missionary Society of that congregation that is called to meet, and not the whole Society.

2. What makes up the Society?
   The Society is made up of the following organizations: the Senior Auxiliaries, the Evening Department Auxiliaries, the Young Women's Auxiliaries, all affiliated and associate groups, the C.G.I.T. groups (affiliated), the Explorers and the Mission Bands, totalling 1,721 branches.
3. What is meant by "The Family Complete"?
   The missionary family in a congregation is complete when there is an organization for every Department.
4. Is the Evening Department Auxiliary or the Young Women's Auxiliary under the Senior Auxiliary?
   No; these are Auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society and have the same standing as the Senior Auxiliary and report independently to the Presbyterial Secretary of the Department.
5. Is it permissible for an Auxiliary to receive the Mission Band money to make up its allocation?
   No, it is not. The Mission Band should have credit for its own money.
6. How are allocations sent out?
   They are sent by the Presbyterial Treasurer or Finance Secretary to each individual Auxiliary. (Mission Bands, Explorers, C.G.I.T. groups are not allocated.)
7. When should money for supplies be sent?
   See the "Handbook for Officers", page 13.
8. Should Christmas gifts (Supply) be wrapped?
   It is better that they be not wrapped, but wrappings may be included. See Supply Leaflet.
9. Why are we not increasing in membership?
   There are many opinions advanced in regard to this, but could these be some of the reasons? For instance, one woman, interested enough to go to the Auxiliary meeting as announced, went to two successive meetings but she was not introduced or welcomed either time by anyone. Again in another church, a woman said, "I have been in this congregation two years and I have never been asked to join any organization".

Mrs. N. W. G. Baker, Home Helpers Secretary for Toronto-Kingston Synodical, speaking at the annual meeting recently told of a presentation which took place in Feversham, a small Ontario village. Friends of a bride gathered together on the eve of her wedding and presented her with their gift. It was a life membership in the Women's Missionary Society of our Church.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

"Summing Up"

WE have completed the series of articles on five branches of our work. These were written for you in order that you might have a clearer picture of how the money from your allocation is spent. We hope you have made use of this information at your Auxiliary meetings and will be interested in hearing more about these projects. Just to test your memory. Can you answer these 20 questions without looking at your *Glad Tidings?* Twenty correct answers—excellent, 16 good, 10 fair. If you make less than 10 you should look up each article and read it carefully.

1. What was the amount of money allocated for Christian Literature in 1949?
2. Can you name three periodicals, printed in China, which we support with a grant.
3. Name the newspaper printed in the Ukrainian language to which the Women's Missionary Society gives financial support.
4. In what type of work are contributions from the World Day of Prayer used?
5. Name the leaders at the Children's Centre in Vancouver.
6. Name the age groups served at this Centre.
7. What are the children taught at the Centre?
8. What benefit do the mothers gain from the Centre?
9. In what year did the Chinese come out to Canada in large numbers? Who brought them out?
10. Name the centres where we carry on our work among the Chinese in Canada.
11. How have they used their learning to help their fellow countrymen in China?
12. Write an outline of the work that is being carried on among the Chinese women and children.
13. Name the centres where the Chinese have or are planning to have a church building of their own.
14. Name three types of study carried on at our Church camps.

15. What does our Society do to promote camps?
16. How many camps are there in the seven Synodicals?
17. Who are the leaders at the camps?
18. Name the camp which is primarily used for leadership training.
19. Give in your own words a brief outline of the purpose of St. Margaret's Girls' Centre in Toronto.
20. Where do the girls go when they leave the centre?

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

AT this period in the year your Secretary has a more complete picture of girls' work throughout our Western Division than at any other time, for the reports from the Synodical Secretaries have been received, compared and analyzed. While this is a most interesting duty, it is not always as encouraging as one might desire, and it is with a feeling of sadness that one discovers the same weaknesses reported again.

Reports are fine things to prepare and to receive, but unless we as workers are prepared to benefit by the information recorded and *do* something about the weak spots, then reports are an utter waste of time! They are not intended to be interesting reading material only, they are a confession of weakness and a statement of strength. From them we must chart our course for the future.

Here then are some of our problems—within our entire constituency only 24% of all churches have girls' groups of any kind.

Why does this condition exist?

Are we not sufficiently interested to make it possible for our church to have a group wherein our teen-age girls are brought into a Christian way of living? Is it impossible to find one person who will take the responsibility of leading such a group? One hesitates to assume that even in the smallest church one such person could not be found, providing a thorough explanation of the work to be done was given. As members of the Women's Missionary Society it is our job to try to secure such a leader for our girls.

Our next problem is that of selecting the most suitable programme to our needs. The Presbyterian Church recognizes four programmes for girls. Girls' Guilds, Girl Guides, Girls' Auxiliaries and Canadian Girls in Training. 84% of all groups are Canadian Girls in Training, but it should be remembered that while this is the most popular, it is not the only programme available and if this organization does not meet your requirements, by all means select one of the other accepted programmes.

The C.G.I.T. aims are to prepare the teen-age girl to accept her responsibility in Church, community and in missionary work. Its programme includes worship, business, recreation and a project period at all meetings. Projects include, Bible Study, Mission Study, a project to help the local church, handicraft. This year the suggested Bible Study was ''Building His Church'' a study of the Acts of the Apostles written by a former member of Council Executive, Miss Elsie Mathieson. The mission study was ''A New China'' and Miss Margaret Webster prepared the study helps to accompany this.

One can readily see, that while C.G.I.T. is a co-operative programme, the religious educational background is essentially Presbyterian and members of the Presbyterian Church assist in the preparation of programmes for all groups of Canadian Girls in Training. This then should dispel the fears of some that the programme was not Presbyterian.

The third problem is that organizations outside the Church are claiming our girls' time and interest. If this is so, then we must accept the challenge and prove beyond doubt that we have a better programme to offer. We must have better leadership—we need leaders who will make a study of the needs of our girls and will avail themselves of every helpful piece of literature in order to secure more information. We need leaders who will make a point of attending classes in leadership training if such are available.

Some work should be done with the parents. There should be a frank discussion of the aims and merits of our organization with particular emphasis upon our hopes and plans for our girls. Parents should be urged to give their co-operation and help.

We can and must compete with these ''outside'' organizations but in doing so we must offer better programmes and more interesting meetings. It is going to mean more work for our leaders, but we feel that there are few who will not accept the challenge, when the glorious prize will be the knowledge that we are bringing our girls to a greater knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
    Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
    I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
—Charles Wesley.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Dear Leaders of Mission Bands and Explorers,

As your new Executive Secretary it would give me a great deal of pleasure to meet and talk with each one of you and hear your difficulties, your discouragements, and your successes. Your office is an important one and its responsibilities are not always appreciated by many church members who know little of the labour and consecrated skill required. It would be a great help to me if I could hear from you, telling what your problems are and what you would like to have on this page that would be of help to you. This is your page and if you will help, together we can make it helpful to each other.

Having led a Mission Band at one time, it seems to me that one of the difficulties one has to avoid is getting into a rut, both in the preparation of programmes and in the planning of handwork. A certain form of worship service or type of programme can become monotonous and children do like surprises and variety. A Mission Band or Explorer leader needs to be ever alert to new ideas, new ways of presenting familiar material and fresh opportunities for each child to participate in the programme. If a leader is enthusiastic about her job, she is eagerly searching for every means of improving her own efficiency by attending leadership conferences, classes or camps. A great inspiration is received by many who go to summer school.

The purpose of all religious education is to bring our boys and girls into an understanding of God's loving care of them, His grief over their rebellion against Him, and His will that they should show forth His great love to all people everywhere. This theme must dominate every programme and every contact between leaders and children. Paul tells us in Romans 2: 21 "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" One cannot teach with sincerity and conviction that which is only theory and not a personal experience of Christ. Only a life which is spirit-filled and lived in surrender to His will can truly reach other lives for Christ. A child is very quick to detect any insincerity in a teacher or leader. It is a humbling experience to teach children and we cannot avoid taking stock of our own relationship to God. So the deepening of our own spiritual life through confession, surrender of the will, Bible study and prayer is the prime requisite in leadership and to this end let us all grasp every bit of help we can get.

Yours sincerely,
—(*Mrs. G. L.*) *Jean S. Wallace.*

New Organizations

Montreal and Ottawa

Montreal Presbyterial—Ephraim Scott Evening Auxiliary, Montreal. Pres., Miss J. Ferguson; Treas., Miss L. Wylie; Sec., Miss I. Barrie, 5244 Globert Ave.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Mission Band, St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa. Leader, Mrs. P. A. Cossman, 445 Holland Ave.

Mission Band, Hawkesbury. Leader, Mrs. A. R. Hancock, Box 497.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

KOOTENAY Presbyterial—The Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church Kimberley, presented a religious drama, ''The Challenge of the Cross'', at their Easter Thank-offering recently. The Moderator of Kootenay Presbytery, the Reverend N. G. Robertson, guest speaker, carried out the theme of the drama in his inspiring message. Miss Elvina Luberg, President of the Mission Band, was honoured that evening by the members of the Auxiliary.

Victoria Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, held a very successful Thank-offering meeting in the Church Hall with the President, Mrs. F. E. Adolph, presiding. Mrs. F. McAvoy spoke briefly in praise of Mrs. Agnes Rowan who had been active in Missionary work for thirty-seven years, and from the standpoint of service was the Society's oldest member. The guest speaker, was the Reverend A. G. Faraday, missionary-designate who will leave shortly for Formosa. He gave a very stirring address in which he made a plea for faithfulness and zeal on the part of the members of the Christian Church. He pointed out that great opportunities lie open for missionary endeavour abroad. A film, ''The Grace of Forgiveness'', based on the life of St. Paul in Rome and his letters to Philemon, was shown by Mr. S. Volmers. The Reverend F. McAvoy pronounced the benediction.

Westminster Presbyterial—The Reverend Murdo Pollock was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Church, Vancouver. He gave an interesting account of his work in establishing a new pioneer Presbyterian Church in Mission, B.C., as well as his ministry in other parts of the Fraser Valley.

Hunter Auxiliary regrets the passing of Mrs. Charles McChristie who had been treasurer for the past 12 years.

A meeting of outstanding interest was held in St. Paul's Church on the evening of April 26th. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, spoke to a large audience. Mrs. Pollock held the rapt attention of the group as she told of the Foreign Missions Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, where 2,500 delegates met, 235 of which were Presbyterian.

Members and friends of the Joan Macdougall Young Women's Guild gathered at the home of Mrs. I. Macdougall to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the group, which originated as the Woselo Teen-Age Girls' Guild of

Kerrisdale Church. Mrs. I. Macdougall was honoured by the Auxiliary in appreciation of her loyal and faithful service.

Fairview Auxiliary held their Thankoffering meeting in April at which Miss Halstead, was honored with a Life Membership. The Reverend M. Nicholson addressed the gathering, stating that the Presbyterian Church had reason for satisfaction, having so many workers in the foreign field. The Mission Band was represented by three small members who recited Scriptural memory work and sang a hymn. A film, ''March of Time in China'', was shown.

ALBERTA

MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, BOX 68,
BANFF, PRESS SECRETARY

WHEN it was decided not to have the annual Synodical meeting, Mrs. Metcalfe, President, called a full Board meeting at Grace Church, Calgary, for April 5th and 6th. This brought in four members from Edmonton, one each from Red Deer, Lethbridge, Macleod and Medicine Hat, with seven from Calgary. The two days' session was a very profitable one, although illness and absence from the province affected the attendance. On the Tuesday evening, an open session was held, at which Mrs. R. McRae spoke to the Treasurer's report and Miss Marion McKay to the Corresponding Secretary's report. The Nominating Committee's report was presented and the new Board installed by Miss Athalie Read. Miss Read also gave a very informative address on the Peace River Country, using a marked map to indicate the relative positions of points served by our Church and Women's Missionary Society. ''Camp Advertising'' was a special feature, with Director Margaret McLagan, Young Women's Secretary, Connie Muldoon and Nurse Molly Harback, giving spirited talks on various phases of the proposed camp at Sylvan Lake this summer. An added interest was a display of contents of a Medical cupboard for Camp Kannawin, prepared and donated by the Goforth Associate Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church, Calgary. Miss Rae Starrett of Red Deer, conducted the worship. At the close of a very fine evening two lovely hymns, one in Hungarian and one in English, were sung by Miss Rose Komlodi of Calvin Hungarian Church, Calgary, accompanied by Mrs. K. D. Toth. The new Welcome and Welfare Secretary is Mrs. A. B. McGorman, Penhold, and the new Press Secretary is Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Banff.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The Carstairs Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Farrel with fifteen women present. This group has been studying our work in Formosa. A discussion was held on the possibility of holding the Spring meeting of the Calgary Presbytery in Carstairs.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Red Deer, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon when, following their regular meeting, they played hostess to the children and leaders of the Mission Band. About ten mothers of the children were also present to see the children present their songs, and Scripture memory work. Especially interesting was the flannelgraph work, two stories being illustrated. Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick thanked the children and commended the deaconess, Miss Rae Starrett, who has organized the Band, and her assistants, Mrs. S. Gehrke and Miss Violet Scott, on the success of their efforts. Lunch completed a happy occasion.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Mr. Bruce Herrod, a member of the congregation and a student for the ministry, was guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. and Friendship Circle of Knox Church, Moose Jaw. Members of the Young People's Society were in attendance and their President gave a fine report of the Young People's Rally which had been held in Knox Church April 16th and 17th with Rev. D. T. Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Western Missions, as guest speaker. Forty-one delegates attended this very successful Rally. Mr. Herrod told of the conference which he attended in Urbana, Illinois, during the Christmas holidays, when 1,200 students belonging to Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship were in attendance. The theme of the Conference was "Know Christ and Make Him Known". Nine hundred of the students signified their intentions of becoming missionaries.

A framed In Memoriam certificate was placed in Knox Church at the Easter Sunday Service on behalf of the members and friends in memory of the late Mrs. D. M. Craig who had taken such an active part in the life of the Church. We pray that her memory may ever urge us on to greater service for the Master she loved so well.

Regina Presbyterial—First Presbyterian Women's Federation held their Easter Thank-offering on the evening of April 25th with Mr. McCartney of Estevan, as guest speaker. He delivered a strong appeal for Christian home influence as being the great builder of character, and strength and courage to fight the tendencies of unbelief today. His message was much appreciated.

Northside Presbyterian Church, Regina, held a combined Easter Thank-offering service in which the W.M.S., Ruby Walker Guild, Canadian Girls in Training and the Ladies Guild of Walter Martin Memorial Church took part. Mrs. John Shaw, as guest speaker, gave a stirring address. She pointed out the important part that God had given to women of the Old and New Testament. She made an urgent appeal for the support of Home and Overseas Missions in the present times.

The Edna Bell Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting early in April. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. A. W. Edgar, who gave a most interesting report on the 35th annual Synodical meeting which had been held in Saskatoon earlier in the month.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—A particularly interesting address was given by Rev. J. M. Young at the May meeting of the Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary, when the children of the Cradle Roll and their mothers were special guests of the Auxiliary. Briefly, Mr. Young traced the advantages of a Christian training in the following phases of a child's early life: in the home, in the Church, in the school, and lastly, in the sacred observance of the Sabbath as a day altogether apart from the other six days of the week.

MANITOBA

Mrs. James Gibb, 308 South Marks St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial—The Easter Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon, was held in April in the church parlor. Mrs. R. A. Hamlen presided. Members of St.

Andrew's Church were guests. The Reverend Norman E. Todd of First Baptist Church was guest speaker. His message reminded us of our duty as leaders, in our homes, churches, and in our communities. Following the meeting the members honoured Mrs. A. H. McKay, who with her family, is leaving to reside in Winnipeg.

Superior Presbyterial—On April 25th a meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, Port Arthur. Mrs. W. S. Nairn presided. The regular business was transacted and reports of Manitoba Synodical meeting were given by Mrs. W. S. Nairn and Mrs. J. Gibb.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, held their Thank-offering meeting in April. Mrs. W. S. Nairn conducted the meeting. The Reverend A. H. Johnston, minister of the church, brought the Easter message.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The president, Mrs. W. H. Ross, presided at the Spring Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, Dr. W. G. Maclean introduced the speaker, the Reverend J. A. Munro, Superintendent of Western Missions, who gave an interesting talk on Formosa. The Presbyterian work is going forward successfully with the support of the people of the Home Church. The aboriginal tribes on the East Coast are financing and building their own churches. Splendid progress was reported in a section where Christianity was not known five years ago. Mr. Munro paid a very high tribute to the work and devotion of our missionaries and to the native Christian workers.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Stonewall, was held in April at the home of Mrs. A. N. McDonald. Mrs. F. A. Gemmel, of Winnipeg, was guest speaker. Her Easter message was on the theme ''The Gospel of An Empty Tomb''. Mrs. Gemmel gave some highlights of the Synodical meeting held recently.

The Auxiliary of Old Kildonan, Winnipeg, met at the home of Mrs. J. P. Duffin for their April meeting. Mrs. A. Walker was guest speaker. She spoke on ''The Easter Message and the Risen Lord''. Her remarks were based on the part women have taken from that first Easter Morn when Jesus said: ''Why seek ye the living among the dead. He is not here but is Risen''.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held in the church. Mrs. S. Sutton presided. Women's Missionary Society members from sister churches in the district led in devotions. The Mission Band under the leadership of Mrs. W. S. Smith sang a hymn. Miss Margaret Muir of the Mission Band gave a reading, Christ is Risen. Slide sets, South of the Clouds and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, were shown. Mrs. Sutton in closing expressed the hope that through the inspiration received from the pictures interest in the work of the Women's Missionary Society would be increased.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

THE beautiful and historic town of Goderich was the place appointed for the 35th annual meeting of the Hamilton and London Synodical Society, held on May 10th, 11th and 12th. The president, Mrs. Munro, welcomed the delegates. In the evening the Reverend Alexander Nimmo, Wingham, brought greetings from Presbytery, basing his remarks on St. John 12: 26 ''If any man serve me. . . .'' We must have the missionary spirit; we have a missionary promise and if we fulfil it we obtain the missionary reward. Knox Church choir sang an anthem and the Reverend R. G. MacMillan led in a short service of worship.

Increase and success characterized all departmental reports. The keynote of success in the Home Helpers Department is friendship and encouragement. ''We are all getting old'', said the historian; 50, 60 and 70th anniversaries are being celebrated every year. The Literature and Library Departments both stressed the placing of good literature in our homes and schools.

Huron Presbyterial President, Mrs. Bisset, gave a hearty welcome to the delegates as well as a short sketch of the history of the town of Goderich with its unique layout and its 5,000 people.

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, brought greetings from Council Executive. The Young Women's Secretary noticed a decided upswing in the number of girls entering church work.

Auburn celebrated its 60th anniversary. Goderich celebrated the 65th anniversary of its ''Scattered Helpers'' now known as Home Helpers.

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Young Women's Secretary of Council Executive emphasized the great need for regional workers—''do try to influence young women to enter church work, then let us break down the idea the Women's Missionary Society work is for older women. The finest hobby is missionary work; it carries the mind into all the world. The modern missionary takes her place in grappling with all world problems, racial, industrial and commercial.''

Mrs. Douglas Pitts, wife of a former Superintendent of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, addressed the meeting. She and her husband started their life together there in the land of beauty and folk-lore, the bush, the lake and the rock, the land where the Indian lives. She told of the lovely dark-eyed babies, who due to lack of sanitation and proper food, soon developed skin diseases and tubercular glands. The Indian is sincere in his religion — the Great Spirit, the ''Manitou'' and the ''Happy Hunting Ground''. Our task is to teach them the Great Spirit is Jesus Christ our Lord.

In referring to the Columbus Conference Mrs. Munro said: ''Are we holding the torch as high as our forefathers?''

An entirely novel event on the programme was the contribution of four Mission Band girls, three of whom played a trio, and the fourth a piano solo.

One of the most inspiring and encouraging sights of the evening meeting was to see and hear the C.G.I.T. choir which contributed several selections of sacred music. Regarding ''Forward Planning'' it was noted that in a survey of girls in a large congregation the question, ''What influenced you to go into Church work?'' the answer was C.G.I.T. The Junior congregation of Knox Church, Goderich, has a staff of 12, all trained in C.G.I.T. and all Sunday School teachers and all Young People's Society leaders were C.G.I.T. girls.

Further departmental reports were read and all showed the same optimistic trend; one could detect a decided spiritual advance. The work is being carried forward on a very high plane by ardent, zealous women and for this let us humbly thank our Heavenly Father.

An invitation was graciously given and accepted, to hold the 1950 Synodical meeting in Brantford.

Following the election Mrs. Pae installed the officers using the words, ''Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. . . .'' II Timothy 2: 15. Study demands mental activity; the reward, the most soul satisfying, ''approved unto God''. God demands action, no idle time, the office bearer must be diligent. Let us labour together for the fulfillment of His kingdom.

Mrs. Munro in taking office for the third year, took her closing words from Ecclesiastes 11: 6, ''In the morning sow thy seed. . . .'' The field is the world in which we sow the seeds of His kingdom. We are labourers together in planting the seed.

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Miss Agnes Tolmie was hostess for the May meeting of the newly named Agnes Tolmie Auxiliary of Southampton. The president, Miss Ethel Lowe, opened the meeting with a service of worship. During the business period it was brought to the attention of the members that all moneys for the ''bale'' are to be brought in at the June meeting. The Study chapter on the religion of the different lands was given in costume by Miss E. Lowe representing Japan, Mrs. Silverthorn representing India, Mrs. M. McKenzie representing China and Mrs. C. Soden as a Canadian girl. Miss Tolmie, whose father was a former minister of the Presbyterian Church, and who herself has been interested in mission work all her life, thanked the Auxiliary for honouring her by calling the Auxiliary after her, and spoke a few words on faith. ''Faith'', said Miss Tolmie, ''is one of the greatest things in mission work. While we cannot see how our money is being spent, we have faith that it is all working for Christ.''

Sarnia Presbyterial — *Sixtieth Anniversary of Beechwood Auxiliary.* The sixtieth anniversary of the St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Beechwood, was held on the afternoon of May 18th in the church. The president, Mrs. John G. Stewart, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Isabel McConnell, of the Bhil Field, India, who was dressed in a beautiful native costume in tones of green. Her prayer was, ''God give to people a vision'', her challenge, ''pray and give without ceasing''.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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KINGSTON Presbyterial—Mr. Angus MacKay, of Jhansi, India, was the guest speaker at a joint Thank-offering meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston. Mr. MacKay said the main trend in India to-day is a movement towards freedom, and that it is our duty to teach the people that a greater freedom yet lies before them in the form of acceptance of the Christian doctrine. There are at present over 6,000 missionaries in the field and the Presbyterian Church has two missions in that country, yet over two hundred million people have never heard the name of Christ.

Saugeen Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held at Amos Church, Dromore. In her address, Mrs. G. L. Wallace, Toronto, told her listeners that China is calling to-day for the Gospel; that India is interested and does not distrust missionaries; that General MacArthur has asked for 1,000 missionaries for Japan, 200 have responded; that Formosa is calling for Christian leaders.

Highlights of the departmental reports were the increase in *Glad Tidings* subscriptions, and fifteen Life Memberships received, one Auxiliary has a library of mission study books. The allocation had been exceeded substantially, and a bale of good used clothing and quilts had been sent out in addition to the supply allocation.

Temiskaming Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kirkland Lake. All Auxiliaries took part in the Scripture readings and prayers. Reports of the various Secretaries were full of interest and encouragement. These were followed by reports of the Auxiliaries, all of which showed increased interest in this phase of our Church's work. In the evening the roll call of Mission Bands was heard and these presented several new ideas and showed the increased time and study so willingly being given by the leaders, to maintain the interest of our junior groups.

Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair of Barrie was the guest speaker. Her topic was ''Hills'' and depicted various Biblical references to hills and their bearing to those times and their significance to us to-day.

Toronto Presbyterial—Knox Church Auxiliary, Milton, celebrated its 60th anniversary on April 8th. Guests were present from Toronto Presbyterial, the local Women's Missionary Societies and from the various Presbyterian branches throughout the county. Warm greetings were received from each of these societies. The guest speaker, Reverend Forbes Thomson of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, in a very forceful and pleasing manner gave the highlights of the Assembly held at Columbus, Ohio, last fall. Need and opportunity in this great missionary work were two things stressed. Mrs. D. B. Marsh, daughter of a former president, gave a brief history of the Auxiliary from 1889, making special mention of those members whose memory we honour.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial—By actual count, seven of the delegates present at Kemptville for the annual spring meeting of the Presbyterial (68 in all) had never before attended a Presbyterial. This shows progress. Mrs. Harcourt Emra gave a fine description of the Foreign Missions Assembly held at Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. A. G. Cameron gave helpful suggestions regarding Women's Missionary Society activities. Mrs. W. Fitzsimons, past President, received an Honorary Membership certificate. During her term of office, she had attended all sectional meetings, all Mission Band and Girls' Rallies, all but one Presbyterial and had visited every Auxiliary. Mrs. J. Riddell, also a past President, made the presentation. A goodly number of Presbytery members attended the evening session, when the Reverend Eric Larsen and the Reverend J. C. Ross took part. In a stirring address Mr. Angus MacKay of Jhansi, India, showed conditions as they are in India to-day.

Glengarry Presbyterial—Mrs. Winnifred Begg, a charter member of Avonmore Auxiliary, former leader of a Mission Band, a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society and still active in Auxiliary work, was especially honoured on her 80th birthday, May 11th. Sixty members and friends, including a sister and a niece from Ottawa, gathered in St. Andrew's church hall to take part in a nicely arranged party. Mrs. Fraser MacRae presided. Warmest felicitations were expressed, followed by presentations.

Glen Gordon Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. F. W. Fraser when Miss Susan McRae, missionary in Angola, Africa, was guest speaker. Mrs. Mason McLennan reported on the Synodical meeting held at Cornwall.

Montreal Presbyterial—The Reverend M. di Gangi addressed the Thank-offering meeting of Fairmount Auxiliary, his subject was ''Easter and Missions''. The spring rally of the Home Helpers Department of the Maisonneuve Auxiliary was held in the church hall. Negro spirituals were sung by the Mount Royal Church choir. This interchange of Auxiliaries is most helpful. The Reverend A. Quincy McDowell addressed the Auxiliary of First Church, Verdun, at Easter. The Reverend David Scott, D.D., was speaker at Knox-Crescent and Kensington Auxiliary in May. Mrs. F. J. Anderson, retired, after serving 45 years as a missionary in Central India, addressed the May meeting in First Church. The Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew and St. Paul invited the members of the other Evening Auxiliaries to attend a meeting when Mr. Pyan, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Korea was guest speaker.

The second Conference of the Evening Department was held in Melville Church, Westmount, on May 14th and 15th. There were 156 delegates registered from all parts of Ontario and Quebec, representing 55 churches. (Editor's note: A full account has been made feature article of this issue. Please look for it at the front of the magazine.)

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae was the speaker at the open inspirational meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial held in Melville Church, Westmount, on May 16th. There were 165 members registered. Reports of the annual meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, held in Cornwall, were given by Montreal delegates. Mrs. C. Charles Cochrane welcomed the members and friends and Mrs. Harcourt Emra brought greetings from the Synodical. Mrs. Robert McCleery presided.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Presbyterial President, gave an inspirational address and the Reverend J. Logan-Vencta, Moderator of Presbytery, spoke warm words of encouragement at a special Thank-offering meeting of Gloucester Auxiliary. This together with slides shown by Mr. George Curzon of Erskine Church, Ottawa, made the meeting an outstanding and profitable one. Mrs. D. Henderson presided. A Life Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Donald Hope by Mrs. T. H. Thomas.

''Iona'' was the special theme of the Reverend Colin F. Miller's address at St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Ottawa, Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. G. Scott Murray presided. An Honorary Membership certificate was presented to Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, wife of the minister of St. Andrew's Church, by Miss Younger.

The D. M. Gordon Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, presented their past president, Mrs. A. G. Cameron with an Honorary Life Membership in May.

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May 31st, 1949

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Manitoba	1,200.39
Manitoba, Supplies	77.50
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	$20,558.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 166.66
Birtle, Government Grant	2,191.34
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.31
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Chinese in Canada	1,121.47
Deaconesses	1,205.82
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	301.15
Children's Centres	475.33
Port Work	122.36
Organization	657.83
Supplies	665.05
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China	300.00
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Hospitalization rates	22.80
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Interest	$ 182.25
Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere property	25.00
Estate of Miss Edna Sharpe, through Glebe Auxiliary, Toronto	200.00
Interest	36.00
Special Fund—	
Refund from Miss Pelton on Overseas Expenses	682.02
Interest	22.50

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Interest	22.50
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	18.00
	$1,188.27

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University of Toronto, Deaconesses	$ 75.00
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St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary, Kingston, has transferred to the Evening Department.

Four million copies of the Scriptures and Scripture portions were distributed during the past year by the British and Foreign Bible Society. They were printed in seven hundred and eighty-four languages. The annual meeting of the Society was held in London. The general secretary reported that Spanish customs authorities had again barred the entry of the Scriptures into Spain.

Dr. Visser 'T Hooft in an interview on the World Church News radio broadcast stated that the important thing to say about relief and inter-Church aid in Germany and Europe is that to-day there is as much need for inter-Church aid as ever before, less for physical aid, for, after all, the economic recovery in Western Europe has been quite remarkable, and the Marshall Plan has had quite outstanding results, but we have not yet solved the spiritual problem. In fact, our danger is that we conclude too easily that by these external measures; institutional, and political and social measures, we have done all that needs to be done, but if we reflect about it we will have to realize that the real struggle for the soul of Europe is in the spiritual realm, and that is where we as Churches have to help the Christian forces in Europe in their work of evangelism, their youth work, in general trying to fill that great spiritual emptiness that they have since the end of the war years.

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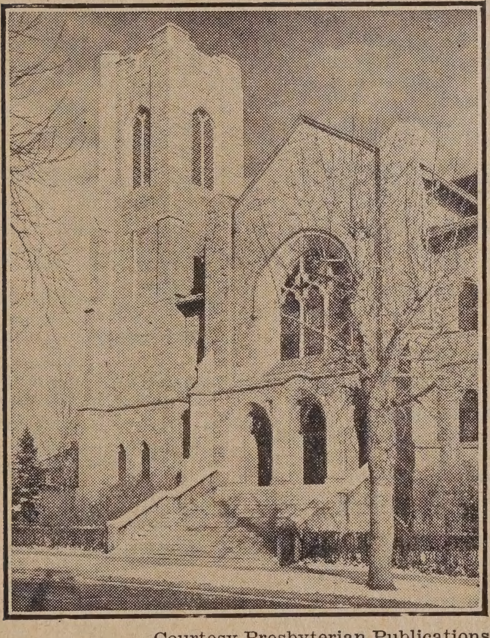

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Annual Council Meeting

AS already announced, the Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is to be held in Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta, September 26th to 30th. The first session is on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock and on the following days the hours are 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All sessions are open to the public.

Reverend Frank S. Morley, B.A., Ph.D. (Edin.), minister of Grace Church, will conduct the morning meditations. The work of the Society will be presented by the various secretaries. The special speakers will include Miss Laura K. Pelton, Reverend J. A. Munro, B.A., M.C., Mr. N. M. Rusaw, Principal of Birtle Indian School, and Mr. T. G. Ross, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School.

To mark the eighty-fifth anniversary of the Society an historical pageant will be presented on Tuesday evening by Young Women's groups of Calgary.

The theme chosen for this Council Meeting is "Now is the accepted time", 2 Corinthians 6: 2, with the emphasis on "Now". We cannot all be present at this momentous gathering which celebrates eighty-five years of service by the Women's Missionary Society, but we can all be there in spirit and we can have a vital part in that meeting. It is ours to pray individually and in groups that God's blessing may be upon this Annual Meeting and that those who carry the responsibility may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

—(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice McLennan,
Corresponding Secretary.

A Story of a Women's Missionary Society in India

BY MISS ANANDI H. BHALERAO,

Headmistress of the Junior High School, Jhansi

Miss Das, headmistress of the Primary School, Jhansi, and Miss Bhalerao.

SOME days ago Miss Magee asked me to write to you about the work of the Women's Missionary Society here, especially the evangelistic work we have started just recently at Ranipur, a village some thirty-eight miles from Jhansi.

In Ranipur there are about ten families who are baptized Christians when American Presbyterian mission people worked there. But those Christians have gone back to their old ways. They marry their sons and daughters to Hindoos, and follow their festivals and customs. For the last four years Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Indian teachers from our mission, worked there. Since a year there has been no one in Ranipur. So our Women's Missionary Society has decided to send a batch of its three members twice a month to do evangelistic work during the week-end. We go there on Saturday morning and come back on Monday morning. In the first batch Mrs. Spencer and I went, the third member was unable to go.

As soon as we reached the mission house of Ranipur and the children heard about the arrival of Mrs. Spencer, they came running to see her. They were very happy to see Mrs. Spencer again. Late in the afternoon we went to visit the Christian homes. They were also very happy to see Mrs. Spencer. We sang some hymns and preached. The people brought their Bibles and hymn books and joined with us in singing and Bible reading. Six years ago I had been to Ranipur when we teachers and girls used to go there for preaching on week-ends. After six years when I went there again this time I found a great change in the attitude of the people in accepting the Word and co-operating with all respect in the worship. I felt that I was in the fellowship of Christian brotherhood. This difference is certainly due to the labour of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer who lived in Ranipur for four years—Mrs. Spencer in charge of the school and Mr. Spencer as an evangelist.

On Sunday morning we had a Sunday School meeting. The children and some women came for it in time. Practically every child brought some vegetables from his garden for Mrs. Spencer. There were three boys who did not bring anything. When they saw other children giving their things to Mrs. Spencer, they ran away and returned after a few minutes with their coat and shirt pockets full of plums that grow practically wild in our country.

We had a very good Sunday School meeting with six boys, three girls and four women. I told them the story of Jesus raising the daughter of Jairus and His power over death. The children hear the Bible stories very attentively. One can read from their eyes the love, faith and admiration they have for Christ Jesus. They still remember the Bible verses and choruses they were taught by Mrs. Spencer. If these children are not lost, I personally have a very strong hope of a growing Church in Ranipur in the near future.

There are two girls in Ranipur about whom I want to make a special mention. Both these girls are about sixteen years old; and are real Christians. One girl Sagunia by name is the only daughter of a man who is supposed to be a Christian, but he had married her to a Hindu boy when Sagunia was a few years old. Sagunia studied up to the fourth standard under Mrs. Spencer. She loves her Saviour and reads her Bible regularly. She has influenced her parents to some extent in their faith. When we were there her father told us that he would try to make Sagunia's husband Christian, and his brother's daughters-in-law would be baptized when they come to Ranipur. Just now they are too young to come to their husband's home and are with their parents.

The other girl is Shanti by name. Her parents are Hindu but Shanti is a real Christian in heart. She was also a pupil of Mrs. Spencer. She tells her neighbours about the wonderful Saviour she found in Christ Jesus. When we went to visit Shanti's parents on Sunday evening, one of her neighbours told us that Shanti is a real light of Jesus Christ. She never fails to speak about Him. She even convicts a Hindu Sadhu (hermit) that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and God. The idols have no life in themselves then how can they save human souls. The Sadhu (hermit) got so angry with Shanti that he said to her, ''You have evil spirits in you, therefore you talk this way, and this book (Book) gives you all mad ideas''. Shanti quietly picked up her Bible and replied, ''evil spirits can never touch the people of Jesus Christ, and if there is any true book in the world it is the Holy Bible.''

Shanti has a great desire to be baptized and profess Christianity. She is a very intelligent girl. She is an active and elected member of the Congress Committee in Ranipur, and it hurts her to be called a Hindu. She was married in her childhood to a Hindu boy, and she does not understand what to do. Her parents do not forbid her to preach Christ, but they will not allow her to be baptized and called Christian. Just yesterday we got news that Shanti's parents have starved her for three days as Shanti has definitely decided to take baptism and be called Christian. We are praying very especially for her, and your prayers also will add more strength in fulfilling the purpose God has for Shanti for His glory. There is nothing hard and difficult for the Almighty God to do. He will surely clear a way for her. Her people accuse her that she wants to be Christian only because she wishes to marry a Christian boy. But Shanti answers that the Bible strongly forbids divorces and marrying another man while the husband is still living.

Our Women's Missionary Society has planned to continue the Ranipur work and do some more preaching round about Jhansi. We get subscriptions and especial gifts for the evangelical work from our members. We need your prayers very especially in this new awakening.

Sometimes I feel you so near, and I believe that you remember us in your prayers. It does give great strength and courage to work for Him when friends like you pray for us with burdens.

Four hundred natives attended the Sunday morning service. His Honor the Governor, also came. The singing wrung tears from my eyes. A choir of fifty men and women sang "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . ." better than I had ever heard it sung before. I wish they could sing all over America—and I told them so. But I suppose some among you would demand more dress, for the girls wore nothing but grass skirts. We forgot that very quickly, for they had the look of saints on their faces. What moved me most was the realization that their forefathers had been cannibals and that we were witnessing the process of lifting a race out of the stone age to the beauty of Christ.

—Dr. Frank Laubach, writing in "Far East News Letter" about a service in Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea.

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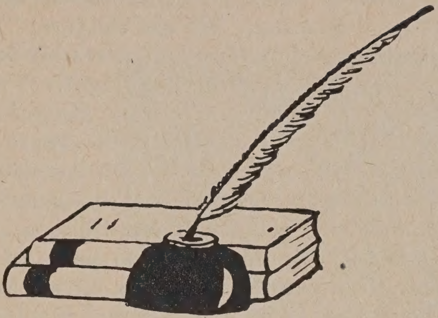


SEPTEMBER is with us again. Once more the bustle of the change of occupation fills the air. Students are back at their studies, workers are back to their benches and everywhere the old familiar routine is being picked up, at first reluctantly but really thankfully. Holidays and change are fine for a while but there comes a time when we are glad the old job is there.

For some reason our minds this year have been going back to the summer of 1939—ten years ago. There is no need to recall to you the events of that summer or autumn or the six tragic years which followed. Yet as we read the newspapers and periodicals and listen to newscasts there is something very familiar about the military parades, the discussion in the parliaments of the appropriation of funds for military defence. All these things make one wonder if the next decade may see an even worse disaster than the last. Yet even as we think these thoughts there comes to our minds the fact that we as Christians have a defence of our own against ''the rulers of the darkness of this world''. We have the power of God to aid us in all the things we do. Jesus promised that it would not be denied to those who asked for it in faith. So as members of a missionary society of a Christian Church, we have much to do with the policies of our world. As we take our part in the reorganization of our auxiliaries, as we accept leadership in girls' and children's groups or in the Church School, let us do so with the prayer constant in our hearts that we may always serve as the Master would have us serve. Upon each individual's witness to the Christian faith to-day, hangs the fate of the world for years to come. If we can work together here in Canada to keep in operation the mission projects of our Church, if we can inspire the young to know the value of the Christian way, if we can accept the task in hand, whether it be great or small and do that task ''looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith'', then we will truly be a part of the great world-wide effort to bring the Kingdom of God to this earth. Then we can look to the future with hope and courage. Let us therefore, ''run with patience the race that is set before us''.

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will gather in Calgary this month for the annual Council meeting. We use the term ''members'', advisedly for whether you are a delegate to that assembly or not, there is a part there for you to play that is most important. Your interest in the affairs of our Society and your prayers for the guidance of those who will be leaders at this Council meeting will ensure the successful enactment of the legislation coming before its members. For eighty-five years women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have been interested in the missionary programme of our Church. They began by sending missionaries to the more unsettled parts of our own Dominion. To-day, we are still serving National missions, but the eighty-five years have seen the Society reaching out and placing its workers in all parts of the earth. We have much for which to be grateful. Our gratitude to those who have made the Society what it is, can best be expressed by our continued support and loyalty to the cause it serves.

The members of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) wish to extend sympathy to Miss Louise Reith, M.A., Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature Department, in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Sara Reith. Mrs. Reith gave a lifetime of service to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She was a valued member of the Women's Missionary Society and served it faithfully. As mistress of the manse, she was able in many ways to inspire people, young and old to service for the Master. The effect of that inspiration is seen in part, in the service now being rendered our Society by her daughter whose most valued talents are appreciated by women interested in missions from coast to coast in this Dominion. Miss Reith may know that there are many who are with her in thought and prayer at this time.

The Central Committee, main administrative body of the World Council of Churches met in Chichester, England this summer. One of the outstanding items of business was the establishment of a permanent Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church. The main aim of this Commission is to stimulate interest in and action on the place of women in church life. The Commission, which is composed of 25 members with a permanent staff and executive secretary, has on its agenda the discovery and use of women qualified to serve the Church in its local or ecumenical activities and a study of man-woman relationship in the light of Biblical teaching and church traditions. Thus the work begun by women delegates to the World Council Assembly in Amsterdam last summer is already making progress.

Exchange of Personnel on Jhansi and Bhil Fields

Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A.

WITH her independence India has embarked on a number of reform programmes, among which is a long range plan for education. Inevitably the educational plan will affect to some extent mission schools. No drastic change is required in the educational work of our two fields in India, but we are affected in some measure in the Helen Macdonald Memorial School at Jhansi. Now to qualify as a fully accredited high-school we must have three University graduates on the staff. Because of this, with the amicable consent of our missionaries on the two fields, we have transferred Miss Beatrice Scott from Jobat to Jhansi, and with Miss Stringer's return to India she has been transferred to the Bhil field. Miss Beatrice Scott, who is a Bachelor of Arts, is well qualified to take her place on the staff at Jhansi as a University graduate. As Miss Magee has her full qualifications and has secured an Indian teacher who will fit in admirably we can now meet the requirements of the United Provinces government.

Miss Irene Stringer

Miss Stringer goes to a work on the Bhil field for which she specially fitted herself while in Canada. She will superintend all the village schools and do some work in handcraft at the Amkhut school. As this is the type of work which Miss Stringer likes and for which she is particularly qualified, she was very happy about the transfer.

With this arrangement we are now well staffed in our educational work on both fields and we are looking forward to a constructive and thorough Christian educational programme.

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg.N. on the staff of the Indian Residential School, Birtle Manitoba, spent July as Camp nurse at Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, Ontario.

Miss Margaret Mackenzie, Tyndale House Mission, Montreal, spent July studying at the School of Child Study, Toronto. In September Miss Mackenzie will take a two week apprenticeship at one of the Toronto Nursery Schools before resuming her work in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ross and Mrs. Douglas, Principal, Matron and Senior Teacher at Cecelia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario, attended Manitoba Synod Summer School where special lectures were given for those doing work among the Indians.

Miss Eileen Waiman, Pambrum, Saskatchewan, has been engaged as teacher in the Intermediate School at Birtle Indian Residential School.

Three young women who have been working for our Society during the summer months, will return this month to their studies. Miss Grace Irvine has been in Dauphin, Manitoba and will go back to Chicago to complete a course in Religious Education. Miss Bel Downey returns to the University of Saskatchewan for the final year in her Arts course. Miss Downey and Miss Annabelle Stewart were working under Miss Walker's direction in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Miss Stewart will return to Toronto, to continue study at Westminster House, our Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

Miss Joyce Wooding will leave her work as director of the nursery school and kindergarten, Portage la Prairie, this month. The Women's Missionary Society is sorry to lose her from its service, but we wish her happiness in her new career of married life.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.

Mrs. Gehman, Reg.N.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., who, after completing her work at the School of Nursing, Vellore Medical College, went to Amkhut in April to care for Miss Gertrude Rollo. On July 1st, Miss MacMurchy went to Ratlam in response to a request from the medical Mid-India Board of Examiners. They have asked her to direct their special post graduate course for graduate nurses. This course runs to the end of December.

At the request of Council Executive, Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N. has left Kienshui, Yunnan, China and is on her way to Canada.

. . . S.O.S. . . . . Supply Money . . .

This is an urgent appeal to all treasurers to send in the supply money they have on hand.

To date the Treasurer has received $2,409.05. To date your Supply Department has spent $4,287.11. The need is urgent! Here are several items which will give you an idea of the expenses the department has. Within the last month, sheeting was required by one of our Indian schools. This item alone amounted to $430. At the change of the seasons, the clothing bill for one school amounted to $886 for the other, $406. These amounts are for clothing a number of pupils, they are our obligations. Would you see that your money allocation for supplies is sent in as soon as possible?

—(Mrs. D. F.) Norma C. Hazell,
Supply Secretary.

W.M.S. National Missions Serves Pre-school Children in Seven Centres

IN Montreal, Toronto, Portage la Prairie, Vancouver and Victoria, our Society is aiding in the training of pre-school children through their nursery schools and Chinese kindergartens. Let us give you an idea of the things the children are taught by our workers. Our descriptions are based on what we have seen in visits to the centres and from accounts the workers have sent of their spring closings and their Vacation Schools this year.

Miss Mackenzie, in charge of Nursery School, Tyndale House, Montreal

Miss Margaret Mackenzie had an average of 28 children from three to five years of age at her morning and afternoon classes at Tyndale House in Montreal. Once they are gathered at the centre, the children have a wonderful time working with prepared material and learning of God's gifts to little children. They learn to sing and to repeat Bible verses. In playing the games Miss Mackenzie teaches them, they learn to play harmoniously with other children.

The Nursery School and Kindergarten in Portage la Prairie had an average attendance of 14 students. Miss Wooding writes about her work among them: "Although the number is small, they were very faithful and I find there is a growing interest in our centre for the pre-school children."

From Vancouver, Miss Catherine Watson wrote of the activities in the Vacation School. The children were happy, enjoying a programme of stories, hand work and games. One of the features for the regular classes at the Children's Centre was the picnics various groups enjoyed before their closing.

Our Society operates four Chinese Kindergartens, one in each of the cities: Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. Miss Gertrude

Scott writes from Victoria: ''The Kindergarten closing was . . . as usual well attended by mothers and friends. . . . We had quite a happy afternoon and at its close, enjoyed ice cream and candies donated by three of the parents. Graduation certificates were presented to ten children. . . . The Bible Vacation School opened on Monday July 4th. . . . We will have sessions each morning until July 22nd. The children have made themselves scrap books. . . . They are studying stories from St. Mark and about the kings of Israel. We sit out of doors for some of the stories. We hope to teach some sewing and other projects next week, we also hope to finish the school with a picnic.''

From Miss Ruth Yeandle, Vancouver, we hear about the Chinese summer work in that city. ''We are very busy with Daily Vacation Bible School. . . . We have 64 children on our roll and 51 were out this morning. They are all just bubbling over with enthusiasm and I believe they are learning a great deal. The course calls for the memorization of the whole of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews plus eight selected answers from the Shorter Catechism. It seems like a lot, but they have nothing else to do these days, so they are going right at it''.

Miss McTavish with graduates of Chinese Kindergarten, Toronto

Miss Fay MacTavish was in charge of the closing of the Chinese Kindergarten in Toronto. She was assisted by Miss Kong. The children entertained their parents and guests with a programme which showed the extent of the work they are instructed to do. They sang songs and hymns in English and Chinese. Their Scripture verses were recited in the two languages. They played a few of the musical games which they enjoy through their term at the kindergarten. The programme culminated in the graduation ceremonies for the young graduates who next year will have to begin a more serious study in school.

From Montreal we have Miss Muriel Judd's description of the

Kindergarten and Chinese School closing there: ''A beautiful sunny day greeted us on June 23 for the closing exercises of the Kindergarten and Chinese School of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal. The minister, Reverend Paul Chan, opened the programme with prayer and after he had welcomed everyone, he explained the purpose of our schools. He spoke particularly about the newcomers from China whom we are helping to learn English. Later in the programme, some of these new students showed the audience of 130 Chinese and English friends that they are making good progress in their new language.''

''The Kindergarten children delighted everyone with their share of the programme. They recited Bible verses and sang hymns in both Chinese and English. A playlet, in Chinese was performed by the children. In it, several of the cast were children who told their playmates about Jesus and how they could learn about Him in Sunday School. The rhythm band played two selections and the programme was completed by the children playing singing games in Chinese and English. After the programme, ice cream provided by the Presbyterial Society, was enjoyed by everyone.''

This is a brief glimpse of the work being done across the Dominion, for children of pre-school age. As they and their leaders face a new year of work, may we support them with our interest and our prayers that the work being done may lead little children to know better the love which Jesus has for them all.

Camp Wasa, British Columbia

There has been no report yet of the camps held at Camp Wasa in British Columbia, but we would like to mention that this camp site is the latest to be added to the list of camps across the land, in which the Women's Missionary Society has an interest. The camp was operated last year for one camp, but this year four camps were planned, one of which is under the direction of Miss Marjorie MacKay, Women's Missionary Society deaconess at Chapman Camp. The camp is situated in the Columbia River Valley, between the Selkirk and the Rocky mountain ranges, near the towns of Cranbrook and Kimberley. It boasts a warm water lake, a sandy beach and comfortable living quarters.

All across the Dominion, camps in which our Society is interested have been operated for boys and girls, for young people and for adults. Many this summer will look back on the weeks spent in the out of doors, when they were inspired by Christian teaching and living and by happy times in fellowship of others who also knew the value of Church camps.

Shih Ti-San

The Story of a Chinese Boy

BY REVEREND J. C. ELDON ANDREWS

Stephen

SHIH TI-SAN, pronounced much like "shirt-ee-san", means literally, "Stone Body Three". It is the name of one of my senior students at "Tien Nan Middle School", the only senior Christian Middle School in this whole vast portion of Southwest Yunnan. His English name is "Stephen", and was chosen for its Christian significance and for its general resemblance to the sound of his name in Chinese. In English we all call him Stephen Shih, because according to Chinese custom, as you know, the surname comes first with the given name after it.

Whether the person who gave him his English name knows it or not, Stephen was not called Stephen for nothing. He has known what it means to suffer; during the China-wide student political movement last year, for his Christian convictions, and earlier in his life, for no greater crime than the innocency of childhood. He has never been stoned, but he has been beaten; he has been hung by his thumbs and lashed; he has had his body pumped full of water until he lost consciousness and was beaten back to life; he has had his thumbs bound together and his hands stretched until, even to-day, nine years later, they are still affected by numbness. What ought to be a pair of those fine delicate hands characteristic of the Chinese look a bit clumsy and out of shape.

Most of this happened to Stephen when he was a small child, under the Japanese occupation in North China. If you could see Stephen you would say that he is a healthy normal boy of eighteen, and you would be right. That he is healthy and normal after such experiences is perhaps remarkable, but he has that amazing capacity for physical and psychological recovery which is a characteristic of the Chinese people well understood the world over. The fact that he is a second generation Christian, with a deep and intelligent Christian faith, certainly explains him better than anything else.

Both my wife and I think that Stephen is one of the finest lads we have ever known anywhere in the world. Mr. Munro and Miss Pelton met him when they visited our school, and I know that they will agree with us. I think you will be interested in hearing part of

Stephen's story from the notes I took in English as he told it to me in Chinese.

He was born in North China in the province of Hopei at a small place called Tang Shan. He lived with his family until the Japanese occupation of that part of China when Stephen was nine years old. The family treked before the Japanese armies to the province of Honan to a small town called Mengsien, near Loyang. When the Japanese occupied that part of China the family was separated, only the father managing to make his way to Kunming to the home of an older daughter. The father later travelled to Chunching. The boy remained with his mother, grandmother, and a small sister in Mengsien.

As always, apparently, in unsettled times in China's history, banditry, in league with the hostile armies, became at this time also, an increasing menace. All over China to-day the same story is being repeated.

It was at the hands of just such people that Stephen underwent the tortures I mentioned a moment ago. I don't think it is necessary to worry you with all the details I received as I took his story down, but here is part of it.

While at Mengsien Stephen, then about nine years old, was abducted by a group of bandits and held for almost two weeks, together with an old man, in a shaft of an underground well. . . . His mother was notified of the abduction by a ransom note nailed to the door of the house where she was staying. . . . The note called for the payment of a high ransom within a few days' time, or for the life of the child. The mother sold everything she possessed, begged and borrowed to recover the child. When the boy was finally returned he was unable either to sit or stand because of the effects of exposure and maltreatment. After his recovery, and because of dissatisfaction with the amount paid, the child was again abducted, this time by the Japanese, to whom he had been reported by the same bandit ring, as being a spy, incredible as it may seem. . . . His mother, though a stranger in the country, nevertheless enlisted the help of the local peasants to release the child.

Stephen probably owes his life to a stranger, a young man who came by truck to Mengsien about this time in search of his own mother and the remnants of his family. Trucks are scarce in China, and are always unbelievably over-loaded. Among the dozens of others who escaped on this one was a small nine year old boy who has never seen his mother since, and seldom hears from any of his family across the bandit-infested territory between here and Chungching. He was dropped at Kweiyang, and later sent on to Kunming to the home of his older sister.

His sister and her husband sent the child to school. He later found his way to Tien Nan. His sister has since moved to Kweinyang where she was joined by her mother who later escaped from Mengsien. His father has worked in Chungching as a mechanic ever since he went to that city until two years ago when he was hospitalized for incipient tuberculosis. Stephen has managed to remain in school partly on the strength of a scholarship during the past two years. This covers most of his school fees, but leaves nothing for food or clothing. The last word he had from his family was while I was writing this letter. Stephen came into our living room and asked to borrow my bicycle. He had to go to town. He looked rather unusually cheerful. Asked why he had to go, tears came to his eyes. A telegram from his father. Eight words, something like, ''Stay at school. Don't worry. Study hard. Try to come''. We don't know yet whether his father is still alive, but certainly no help for the boy's schooling can be expected. . . .

. . . Stephen is a clever lad, well up in his classes. He has every promise. One of our biggest needs here is to choose and train our own graduates so that after university they may return as teachers. In this way we shall be able to build up a loyal Christian teaching staff and make this school a centre for the training of Christian leadership in the province. Stephen is one of the boys we have in mind. Our principal is now in America for further training, but our dean also feels that Stephen is one of our most hopeful students.

Editor's note: A few weeks ago the Council Executive approved a grant of money for the education of Stephen. The grant will enable him to have food and clothing for a year and to continue his studies.

Christian Literature in Latin America

BY LEETA MCCULLY CHERRY, SECRETARY FOR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

HAVE you sometimes wondered, as you looked over the yearly Estimates set aside for Christian Literature, just what is actually being accomplished with that $300 grant for Christian Literature in Latin America, which our Women's Missionary Society has been sending forth each year? Latin America is so vast—some twenty-odd countries come within this designation—how can $300 touch even the fringe of the literature needs of such an immense territory? The answer to that is, of course, that the impression of this grant would scarcely make itself felt at all, were it aimed at the whole of the Latin American countries, but, through the wise advice and guidance of Dr. Stanley Rycroft and Dr. Foster B. Stockwell, of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, our grant each year is sent direct to Dr. Daniel D. Lura-Villaneuva, in Buenos Aires, the General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in the River Platte area, and there, among the Spanish-speaking students of the different Universities, that $300 grant from the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada is being utilized to do valuable work for God, as it helps to interpret the Christian way of life to these thinking Latin American young people. Because of our grant, there is now being published in the River Platte area a much-needed Quarterly Student Magazine for all the Spanish-speaking students in the Universities of Latin America, and this is growing steadily in strength, vision and usefulness with every issue—proving of inestimable value in the Christian Literature Programme and meeting a very vital need, both among students and graduates everywhere.

Without that grant of $300, it is more than probable that such a magazine would never have been possible, because it was started with the very first grant received from our Society, and it is equally true that without the continued help and support given by our grant each year, that very necessary Student magazine could not be continued in its good work. ''As our Student Christian Movement here is so very young,'' writes Dr. D. Lura-Villaneuva to your Secretary, ''our work in the field of literature is not yet very much developed. In view of the conditions in our Universities, and of our student life, it was felt that there must be an improvement in the literature programme, if we were to reach many students and graduates who otherwise could not be reached. We began, in 1943, with a small mimeographed information bulletin. A few issues were published in this form, and later we had it printed. We greatly felt the urgent need for a magazine, but we did not have the financial means to support it. Then came the first grant from the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and immediately we saw the opportunity of starting the publication of our much-desired quarterly magazine. After some consultations, the publication *Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano* was launched in the latter months of 1945. We have published so far 12 numbers in 9 editions. Even though we are thus reaching so many students and professional people whom we could not have reached otherwise, we are not satisfied, and we are trying always to improve our periodical. From the financial point of view, it is interesting to record that while in the beginning almost all the support came from the grant of your Society, we are now getting more and more from other sources, and now, on the whole, the grant covers about two-thirds of the expense. We are trying to raise half of the resources this year, and hope we may succeed in doing so.''

Edited by the students themselves, who do an excellent and constructive job, the copies of this magazine which have come to your Secretary are both attractive in appearance and in contents, and are a real credit both to the student body and to the Committee who help in the printing and distribution of it. This is, perhaps we might like to think, our very own ''baby'' in Latin America, and it is well worthy of our support and interest. There is no doubt at all that such a periodical is greatly needed and greatly appreciated among these young students of all the Latin American Universities—these eager, Spanish-speaking young people who are becoming so educationally alive, as literacy and knowledge permeates throughout all their countries, and to whom it is so important to bring the great truths of Protestant Christianity, since it is they who will, in God's good time, bring into being that new Latin America, which will be truly free in thought and in religion. That is why it is so important to work among them through the Student Christian Movement through people who know the needs and can meet them on their own level. Dr. W. A. Visser t'Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, speaking recently in Toronto, said, ''Almost the whole staff membership of the Council of Churches has come out of the Student Christian Movement. It would have been impossible to create this great movement on the Church level, were it not for the pioneer work done on the student level. The experimental and pioneering character of the Student Christian Movement proved the only way to get a live and intellectually alert young people to take Christianity seriously.'' A wonderful tribute, surely! In the River Platte area, the Student Christian Movement plans to celebrate its second Congress very soon, and then, from all over that large area, which includes Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, young Christian students will gather together for mutual help and discussion, many of them, no doubt, regular readers of *Movimiento Estudiantil Cristiano.* It is interesting, too, to remember, when we are thinking of this River Platte area and perhaps locating it on our maps, that it was just here that the famous Battle of the River Platte took place in the last war, when the much publicized German pocket battleship ''Graf Spee'' was forced to limp into Montevideo after being thoroughly beaten by three British cruisers.

''I have great confidence in literature as a good means to make Christ and Christianity better known among our University people,'' continued Dr. D. Lura-Villaneuva's letter, ''and we need to intensify our work along this line. I am, as you will realize, speaking only of literature in the River Platte area, because, so far as I know, with the exception of Brazil which does produce literature, none of the other countries in which the Student Christian Movement works, is permitted to publish anything but information bulletins. We are, however, trying to help them also with the literature we produce, and especially with our magazine.'' Realizing this, therefore, it is especially good to know that as well as helping with the publication of *Moviemento Estudiantil Cristiano,* part of our Society's grant is used in this River Platte area to subsidize the translation and printing, and the distribution of good Christian books among these students. The first books, with which we were privileged to assist, were translations of *The Psalms,* by Juan Perez; *Come Let Us Worship,* by Palmer; *God, The Eternal Torment of Man,* by Marc. Boergner; and *The Rediscovery of The Bible,* by Mlle. de Dietrich. In 1947 our grant helped with *The Predicament of Modern Man,* some five hundred copies of which were distributed through the different University groups in the Spanish-speaking countries. This excellent book was also chosen by the Protestant Book Club and sent out to all their members, and it was sold in the ordinary way by the Union Book Store ''Liberia La Aurora'', in Buenos Aires. Incidentally, all the profits of this busy Union Book Store are turned back into the development of the Programme for Christian Literature in Latin America. Dr. Stockwell, in speaking of *The Predicament of Modern Man* says, ''This book seems to indicate better than anything else I have seen, how University men and women can work as leaven in their societies. It has special pertinence to the University life in Latin America and is a splendid stimulus to the thinking of University people.'' Later, a valuable handbook on student work in University circles was published through the assistance of our grant—something quite new and different and very much needed in Spanish.

Because the Student Christian Movement in Latin America is a fairly recent thing, not much has been written about it there, although in Chile, Brazil and the River Platte there have been promising developments in the past ten years. The actual number of Protestant students in the Universities is proportionately small, but recent reports emphasize that increasing numbers of people in the Universities are rejecting Roman Catholicism as it is evidenced in their countries. If there was no vital Christian group present to offer an alternative, these young people would certainly fall into complete irreligion, but there is the Student Christian Movement and there is the Christian Literature Programme, and wonderful results are being achieved through both. Dr.

Rembao, Editor of *La Neuva Democracia,* published by the Committee on Co-Operation in Latin America, tells us that now Protestantism as a religion has become a national, although a minority, religion in almost every Latin American country. In the span of three generations, there has grown in Latin America a Protestant community of nearly three million native members, and the influence of that community reaches far beyond its weight or volume, despite all the determined opposition it receives. For instance, two years ago, in Cuba, which is noted for the quality of its college youth, the Latin Continental Youth Congress met in Havana, and the local Protestant believers so filled the 7,000 seats at the open air services that no seats at all were left for the non-Protestant public. In Cuba, too, Protestant graduates of the different faculties of the universities now meet after graduation to hold a special service at one of the Evangelical Temples ''to dedicate their degrees to God''—physicians, lawyers, engineers, and teachers. What a wonderful picture —and what a wonderful thought!

Perhaps some day the students of the River Platte area may be doing something like that too, and if so, perhaps we may have had a little something to do with it. Certainly, all over Latin America, students and young people generally, are thinking deeply and for themselves, questioning and evaluating, and throwing off old shackles of misunderstanding and tradition. It is a time of the greatest importance, and of the greatest possibilities, and no better way of reaching the hearts and minds of these young people could be found than through the Christian literature which we place in their hands. Are we not wonderfully privileged to have, through the Women's Missionary Society grant which we send each year, even a little part in providing some of this vital Christian literature which is so desperately needed—and so much appreciated? Says Dr. D. Lura-Villaneuva, in closing his letter to your Secretary, ''Please let me express to you and through you to the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, our most sincere thanks for the generous help we are receiving from your Society for the production of this kind of literature. I know that Dr. Rycroft and Dr. Stockwell have expressed to your Society our gratitude, but it would have been impossible for me not to add my own words of thanks, even more so considering the fact that the Christian Literature Programme is one of my special concerns in my general work.'' Shall we not try to make it our special concern also, as we look into the future in Latin America, and try to support it in the most generous way we can?

Chinese in Montreal Work for Their New Church

Reverend Paul Chan officiating at laying of Corner Stone of New Chinese Church, Montreal.

THE picture on this page shows the laying of the corner stone of the new Chinese church in Montreal. There is a story behind this picture which contains the elements of persistence, courage, faith exemplified by the leaders of the Presbyterian Chinese community in Canada's largest city. For sixty years Christian work had been going on bringing knowledge of the Word of God and the Christian Way of life through the means of regular Sabbath services and Sunday School; prayer meetings, auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society Young People's Societies, Mission Bands. In later years there has been a kindergarten for pre-school children and a school where the English language is taught to the Chinese coming into the country. All these services have been carried on lately in a rented building which is not adequate for all of these services.

The building which is partly constructed will when completed contain facilities which will allow the present programme to be carried on in comfort in surroundings which will be an inspiration to those who are leading the work there and to the Chinese people who already are very proud of the work which has been done for them. During the past summer, Reverend Paul Chan, the minister of the church and Mrs. G. P. Louie, a worker for the Women's Missionary Society, have been canvassing the Chinese people of Montreal in an endeavour to have funds to complete the church as it was originally designed. This drive will continue into the autumn months. We, as members of the Women's Missionary Society have a deep interest in the welfare of the Chinese in Montreal. Besides Mrs. Louie, our Society is represented by Miss Muriel Judd, who is a trained deaconess and is doing very valuable work in every branch of the church. We hope that the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada may continue to flourish among the Chinese in the city of Montreal and that the new church building may symbolize what can be accomplished through hard work, co-operation, and most of all through faith in the task which is being done for the sake of a Christian community and under the guidance of the Lord and Master of us all.

Miss Winnifred Ripley Designated A W.M.S. Deaconess

MISS WINNIFRED RIPLEY, a graduate of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, was designated as a deaconess on May 25th in St. Andrew's Church Armstrong. The service, under the auspices of the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery, was conducted by Reverend R. J. Gillanders, Moderator of the Presbytery, assisted by Reverend Dennys of Knox Church, Vernon.

Opening devotions were conducted by Mr. Dennys. The moderator then conducted the service of designation, presented the deaconess pin and extended the right hand of fellowship. Reverend John McTurk of Kamloops addressed the deaconess, taking as his text Romans 12: 1.

Miss Winnifred Ripley

Mrs. H. Whitaker, Armstrong read to the new deaconess, a letter from Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, and presented the gift from the synodical board, a copy of *Christ and the Fine Arts.* Mrs. R. A. Ferguson presented a gift from the presbyterial and a gift was presented from the Vernon Church. The good wishes and the gifts from St. Andrew's Church, Armstrong, were presented by Mr. K. B. McKechnie.

Miss Ripley graciously replied, thanking everyone for their kindness and good wishes and asking for their continued prayers as she undertakes her new work. Miss Ripley will serve at the Children's Centre, Vancouver for June and July, after which time she will go to Portage la Prairie.

—(Mrs. W.) Isabella Barlow,
Synodical Press Secretary, British Columbia.

A Devotional Service

BY MRS. T. K. CHIU

(We suggest that Mrs. Chiu's service of worship might be used as a Thankoffering service).

Prayer of Invocation:

O GOD, who hast caused Thy Kingdom to come in Jesus Christ, Thy Truth to be known in His Word, Thy Power manifested in His Life, Death and Resurrection, may the glory of this take possession of our souls and spread to the ends of the earth till all the Kingdoms of the world are Thine. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Sentences and Meditation:

Our text is taken from the Book of Revelation, Chapter ten, the ninth verse, which reads: ''And I went unto the angel, and said unto him: ''GIVE ME THE LITTLE BOOK!'' And he said unto me: ''TAKE IT, AND EAT IT UP; AND IT SHALL MAKE THY BELLY BITTER, BUT IT SHALL BE IN THY MOUTH SWEET AS HONEY!''

May the Holy Spirit of God help us to meditate upon this thought, especially on these words: ''IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET!''

''It shall be bitter . . . but sweet!'' Bitterness and sweetness are so closely entwined in our lives that we cannot have the one without having the other. And this is one of the great *MYSTERIES* of life. Life is not all joy, neither is it all sorrow, but it is a queer mixture of an unpredictable proportion of the two. There are TEARS in the LAUGHTER; but there are also BRIGHT STARS shining in the DARK NIGHT! How many good gifts of God are hidden in this mysterious way that those who would not venture out into the deep BY FAITH will never find? ''Have you not heard? Have you not seen? Have you not come to the experience that the REAL BLESSED SWEETNESS is in the DRINKING OF THE CUP OF BITTERNESS!? Not the sweetness which comes after bitterness; but the TRUE LASTING SWEETNESS which is always to be found in the ENDURING of BITTERNESS!

''If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it!'' (Matthew XVI: 24-25).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction. . . . Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life . . ." (Matthew VII: 13-14).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . ." (Matthew VI: 19-20).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET

"How oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times?" Jesus saith unto him: "I say not unto thee until seven times; but UNTIL SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN!" (Matthew XVIII: 21-22).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET

"But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again: and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil!" (Luke VI: 35).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; *AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,* that ye also love another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples: if ye have love one to another!" (John XIII: 34-35).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

"Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid. Ye believe in God, believe also in me! . . . I am the vine, ye are the branches, . . . abide in me, and I in you; as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me, . . . The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; . . . These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have *PEACE!* In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world!" (John XV-XVII).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ., and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world!" (Matthew XXVIII: 19-20).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit " (John XII: 24).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

''If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour!'' (John XII: 26).

IT SHALL BE BITTER . . . BUT SWEET.

Let us sing the hymn:

''When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.''

Closing Prayer: (Gelasian Sacramentary.)

''O Thou, who are the Light of the minds that know Thee,
the Life of the souls that love Thee,
and the Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee,
help us so to know Thee, that we may truly love Thee,
so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee,
whose service is perfect freedom.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction.

"And Peter"

BY MISS HELEN FAIRBAIRN

THERE is a fallacy which has crept into many Christian minds. It is that there is something in heart or life that makes the heights of Christian living and experience out of the question for the individual concerned. John and Paul, David Livingstone and Isaac Watts, Fanny Crosby and all the great company of saintly folk, have walked in ''the Heavenlies'', but there is something peculiar in our circumstances or inherited tendencies or past failures that condemns us to walk on lower levels of Christian experience. To all such discouraged souls I would like to say that there is a wonderful message for them in the words of the Angel to the women at the empty Tomb on the Resurrection morning: ''Go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.'' The only disciple mentioned specially was Peter, and he was the one who had cause to feel that he had forfeited his right to the badge of discipleship. When you are tempted to think that there is any twist of character or heredity or circumstance that blocks your way to the full enjoyment of your inheritance as a child of God, a joint-heir with Christ, think on these two words spoken by the Angel—''And Peter''.

A Letter from an Indian Student

SOME weeks ago, members of Council Executive reviewed the matter of bursaries which our Society gives annually to students in India.

One of these students is Pushpa Moti Lal a student at Women's Christian College, Ludhiana. She is a daughter of Padre Moti Lal the minister of our church in Jhansi India. She has written to you her friends in Canada. The letter was sent to Canada by Miss Edith Magee.

Women's Christian Medical College,
Ludhiana, Punjab,

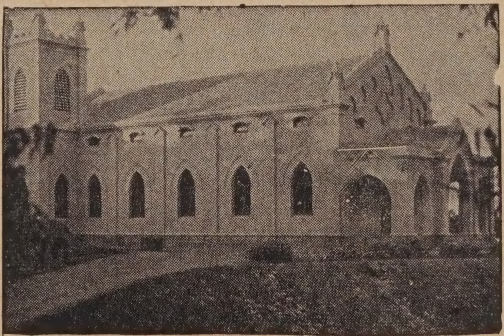
Dear Friends:

I wish to introduce myself to you. I am the eldest daughter of Padre Moti Lal, who has eight other sons and daughters. I finished High School in 1946 and since then I am studying in Medical College at Ludhiana, Punjab.

I had this desire for a long time to be a doctor. My father did all he could to help me through high school and in college. I am happy to know that friends in Canada are willing to help me in carrying out my studies in medical college.

These are specially very difficult days in which I am preparing to be a doctor and to serve my Lord. Every day is a burden. Many days thousands have been killed in this civil war. In Ludhiana itself, when trouble started, a big drum used to beat, the signal for us to hide ourselves. Three or four times we hid ourselves in the darkness, for many hours. This was the condition of the first year of my medical course.

In the second year we had so many troubles. My father, with much difficulty took me through the lines of the refugees. He came back sick and feeble. The refugee camps which we saw were of those who were coming from Pakistan to Hindustan and from Hindustan to Pakistan. The roads were filled with refugees, like caravans for thirty



Jhansi Church

to forty miles at certain places. Ten million in total seeking to save their lives. Tens of thousands killed. The condition of Ludhiana itself was so dangerous that our college was guarded by machine guns placed at our dining room. The whole of the upper story was occupied by the soldiers to protect the college. The whole hospital was filled with wounded. Since then the hospital is for men patients as well as women.

With difficulty we could travel beyond Delhi. The days will ever be remembered in Indian history as the most bloody days, when Hindus killed Mohammedans and vice versa, by their thousands. Dead bodies were lying by the roadside for months. Railway tracks were pulled down, crowded trains were machine-gunned or blown up. Even dams were opened which flooded the flat lands, destroying the food of the hungry and killing more thousands. These breached roads and rail tracks we travelled two months after the worst violence, and found multitudes still crowding the stations, waiting to be shipped and located. Stink, cholera and untellable misery were everywhere.

The troubles cannot fully be described in one book even. This much would give you a little idea perhaps that the days were horrible. Death reigned everywhere.

The medical college in India is an expensive and hard study. For women especially it is very difficult to take medical course. There are only two colleges for women run by missions, one in Ludhiana and the other in Vellore. For Indian Christian girls such an adventure is out of the question without the support of missions and friends in Canada and the U.S.A. All the more I wish to thank you all for making it possible for me to take up this course. With your prayers and financial support I am sure I shall be able to finish my medical studies of four more years, and having thus prepared I will serve my Lord and the missions. I know the difficulties are very great, but my Lord who has brought me safely up to this place will help me throughout; and with your help I venture to go into the studies. Pray for me.

I am your child in the Faith.

PUSHPA.

Wise men ne'er sit and wail their loss,
But cheerly seek how to redress their harms.
What though the mast be now blown overboard,
The cable broke, the holding anchor lost,
And half our sailors swallowed in the flood—
Yet lives our Pilot still.

—Shakespeare.

Miss Helen Burlton

Appointed Student Missionary Secretary

THE Missionary Education Council of the Student Christian Movement, through its Chairman, Dr. L. S. Albright, announces the appointment of Miss Helen Burlton as Missionary Secretary of the Student Christian Movement. The Missionary Education Council is a co-operative body of the Student Christian Movement of Canada and the Mission Boards of the various denominations and has responsibility for missionary education and recruitment among university students across Canada.

Miss Helen Burlton

Miss Burlton is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of the United Church Training School. During the war Miss Burlton served as a personnel officer in the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. Before taking up her new work on September 1st, Miss Burlton spent the summer in Europe. She attended the Annual Conference of British Missionary Societies and conferences of the British S.C.M., and visited the Iona Community and the Ecumenical Institute in Switzerland. She also met student groups and missionary authorities in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Western Germany and attended the Work Camp "Agape" in Northern Italy, which is sponsored by the World Council of Churches Youth Department.

During the fall term Miss Burlton will visit universities in Central Canada and the Maritimes and after Christmas will be in Western Canada.

The Margaret Wrong Memorial Fund

SOME weeks ago, Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society authorized a grant to the Margaret Wrong Memorial Fund.

From every country and through the periodicals of many organizations have come tributes to the work of Miss Wrong. We quote from one, from *The Times,* London, England. "By the death of Miss Margaret Wrong in Uganda in 1948 at a comparatively early age Africans and African students in particular, as well as those interested in African affairs suffered a grievous loss. Miss Wrong spent her whole life in the Christian service of youth, but she devoted her last 20 years to the cultural and spiritual development of tropical Africa. Her wise counsel, based upon a knowledge of Africa unique in its depth, range, and sympathy, was of great service, not only to missions and churches, but also to colonial Governments and educational authorities. She was particularly concerned, as secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa, in the provision of suitable books to satisfy the demands of the rapidly growing literacy in that continent.''

For some years our Society has been making grants through Miss Wrong to Christian literature in Africa. We therefore consider it a privilege to have a small part in the memorial fund which will be used to provide a prize to encourage literary productions from Africa, either in English, French or any other suitable language, and, if possible, subsidize their publication.

Camp Memories

Young Women's and Evening Department Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, by courtesy of Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Synodical Press Secretary

Camp Kannawin, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, officially opened for the 1949 Season when 32 enthusiastic members of Young Women's and Evening groups of Women's Missionary Auxiliaries from Edmonton and Calgary gathered for the first Young Women's Camp.

The group arrived from two cities by bus and was met by Miss Athalie Read, the director. The camp fire was a special feature, around which on Saturday evening the organization and work of the Women's Missionary Society was discussed. ''What shall we study'' and ''Study and Methods'' were topics of discussion. Miss Lily McArthur, who will travel with Miss Read in the Peace River country during the summer, led the discussions and the service of worship held at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. The deaconesses who attended, Miss Rae Starrett, Red Deer, Miss Edith Anderson, Edmonton, Miss Mary Shaw, Edmonton, Miss Margaret Boyd, Calgary, each gave an outline of her work in different districts.

The singing was especially fine for a group of new campers and the success of this part of the program was due to the efficient work of Miss Margaret McLagan, who acted as song leader.

This was the first Young Women's W.M.S. camp to be held in Alberta and, although the time seemed to most, all too short, each camper left for home feeling spiritually uplifted and physically refreshed, and renewed with missionary zeal to go back to the cities. Each hoped Young Women's Camp would become an annual outing, and assuredly thought ''It is good for us to have been there''.

Young Women's Fellowship Camp, Westminster Camp, Lefroy, Ontario, by Miss Betty Isbister

On Friday evening, June 24th, sixteen young women from the Toronto Presbyterial Young Women's Fellowship Group, and their leaders, arrived bag and baggage at Lefroy Ontario to enjoy a week-end of fun and fellowship at Westminster Camp.

Saturday, the programme commenced with discussions on the place of young women in the Church and their responsibilities to the Church, being led by Miss Frieda Matthews and Miss Mary Whale. Miss Matthews described the duties of the regional worker, the congregational and rural deaconess and the various aspects of Church work at home and abroad, while Miss Whale emphasized the importance of Sunday School work and gave helpful hints on the psychology of teaching. Later in the afternoon various methods advised by the leaders were illustrated in skits on how and how not to conduct auxiliary meetings and discussions. Saturday evening, the group gathered around a blazing campfire and after a rousing sing song, settled down to hear Mrs. Donald Sinclair, camp director, tell of the varied duties of a Youth Secretary. Then followed a snack, vespers and bed—eventually!

Sunday morning a service of worship was held by the lake. Betty Isbister was in charge of the service, four girls sang and Miss Whale spoke briefly.

Sunday afternoon, the girls took part in an interesting discussion on "full or part time work in the Church". Then after vespers, we reluctantly headed for home. All in all it was a wonderful camp, we swam a lot, ate a lot, laughed a lot and learned a lot. Many of us caught a new vision of the need in our Church for women to consecrate their lives in service for Christ.

Senior Girls' Camp, Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, Ontario

The Editor of *The Glad Tidings* was privileged to be allowed to direct the Senior Girls' Camp at Lancaster. The site of this Synod of Montreal-Ottawa camp is a fairly new one and one which is beautifully situated on a broad section of the St. Lawrence River, known as Lake St. Francis. Its eighteen acres and its well equipped buildings ensure that successful camps will be held there for many years to come. Situated as it is in the heart of one of the pioneer areas of our country, the camp holds the interest, of the people of neighbouring Lancaster, for they delight to watch the campers come and go and know that they have had an opportunity to enjoy the benefits a Church camp offers.

The usual programme of Bible study, interest groups, swimming and sports was offered at the Senior Girls' Camp and 34 girls enjoyed the leadership of Mrs. Jorgen Hincke of Montreal, an experienced C.G.I.T. leader; Mrs. Louis de Groot, who took ten days out of precious time left before the expected departure of herself and husband to Formosa, to lead mission study groups; Miss Kathleen Stewart, our nurse at the Indian School, Birtle, Manitoba, Miss Norma Kennedy of Guelph, an experienced camper and Miss Lyn Bowering, Montreal who directed sports and swimming.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

AS was mentioned on this page in the July-August issue the Theme for 1949-50 is to be JAPAN. We hope that all groups will put their best efforts into the planning, preparation and discussion of this theme and so derive great benefit from its consideration.

The following are the materials recommended to assist in planning the programmes for the various members of the Women's Missionary Society Family.

For Auxiliaries: TOWARDS A NEW DAWN IN JAPAN—presenting the historical and political influences which have helped to influence the Japanese people; the place of the Christian Church in the pre-war and war days and the opportunity to-day; the part taken by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in presenting the Gospel to Japan; the work done by our Church in Korea; and the work for which we are responsible among the Koreans in Japan. Included in the packet will be a booklet containing suggestions for presenting the material and service of worship.

For Girls' Groups: TALES FROM JAPAN by Marianna Nugent—an attractively designed and illustrated book containing six interesting and informative stories about the young people of Japan, showing the problems they are called upon to solve and what Christianity put into actual daily living can mean in the midst of danger and uncertainty. The packet contains programme outlines and services of worship.

For Children's Groups: WHERE THE CARP BANNERS FLY by Grace W. McGavran. Through the stories of Shoji and his cousin Tetsu, their sisters, parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts and friends, Canadian children will find themselves in the midst of Japanese family life in present day Japan. They will share the excitement and joy of Japanese Festivals; learn of the "old ways" and the changes being made by those willing to accept the "new". They will learn of the old beliefs and of the difference Christianity can make. They will hear the words of an old Shinto priest, ''Look into this new religion, all of you. It may be that it has in it just what our country needs. It may be that it is the true pathway to the peace of heart that mankind is forever seeking.'' The children's packet contains suggestions as to ways of presenting stories and information, as well as suitable Bible verses and hymns, games and projects prepared by Lily M. Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary.

Other excellent books and materials are available through the Literature Department to help in presenting JAPAN to all age groups. See the Book List on the inside of the back cover for the titles and prices of books and materials.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

What does the Council Meeting mean to the Auxiliary Members?

THE Council Meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Society and is therefore of importance to each member. It is here that the work of the Society is under review; it is here, too, that consideration is given to the interests and requirements of the whole Society and plans made for the future and whatever recommendations are accepted or agreed upon by the Council Meeting, apply to every branch of the Society.

Who are the members of Council?

There are seven representatives from each of the three eastern Synodicals, five from each of the four western Synodicals, the members of the Council Executive and the Chairman and Secretary of each of the following Boards of the Church: The Board of Administration, the General Board of Missions, the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S., and the Board of Evangelism and Social Action. It is not a large delegation, *but it is representative.* The delegation must needs be small because of the expense of bringing representatives to any centre in so large a territory as that covered by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

The theme chosen for this Council Meeting is ''Now is the accepted time'', 2 Corinthians 6: 2, with the emphasis on ''now''. We cannot all be present at this momentous gathering which celebrates eighty-five years of service by the Women's Missionary Society, but we can all be there in spirit and we can have a vital part in that meeting. It is ours to pray individually and in groups that God's blessing may be upon this Annual Meeting and that those who carry the responsibility may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Attention Young Women's Secretaries

WE trust you have enjoyed a pleasant and restful holiday and are ready to start thinking of all the fall activities that will be starting this month.

We feel that this year has meant more work for you when you have had to carry on without the assistance of a field secretary. It has been especially hard for those who came into office at the first of the year.

Do you know that our Young Women's Department is in need of more groups? How many new groups have been organized in your presbyterial this year? According to the reports sent to us, there have not been many. But we still have time to remedy this situation. If each presbyterial secretary could report one new group, think how that would boost our department. It would take such a little extra effort on the part of each one for us to accomplish much for our Society.

When you are considering the possibilities of a new group in one particular church, here are a few suggestions we have found helpful:

1. Endeavour to interest an organized group such as a Junior Aid or a Bible class, in missionary study.

2. Find a key person in the congregation who would be likely to give the most help.

3. Avoid interference with the Young People's work, but seek opportunity to give missionary education.

May we say that we have found the members of the Evening Department most helpful in assisting and organizing new groups.

Now is an excellent time for synodical and presbyterial secretaries to visit all the auxiliaries. Have they had an increase in membership? What material are they studying for missionary education? Have they increased their subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings?* The Memo to Presbyterial Secretaries for 1949, prepared by Mrs. Sinclair and sent earlier this year, contains the most helpful suggestions for presbyterial secretaries planning visits to groups.

Let us really put some energy and enthusiasm into this project of enlisting more groups. Let us be proud of the increase in membership in our department. Wherever there are young women in our churches not organized into a Young Women's group, try to interest them in the study of missions. Will you try?

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

Time to Reorganize

SEPTEMBER is here once again and most groups have already made plans for their first meeting. Enthusiasm is high and girls and leaders alike, return to plan for an even more successful season. They plan to profit from the mistakes made before the holidays. They are eager to start new projects, renew old friendships and make new ones and to enjoy to the full, the happy companionship possible to any member of a girls' group.

We know that leaders of such groups will have a busy, happy successful season. These successful groups have learned the value of planning a programme well in advance, of giving to the members duties and responsibilities in keeping with their desires and capacities. Leaders realize the advisability of discussing with the girls a suggested programme and course of study and a procedure to which they will strictly adhere. Of these groups, one has no fears. One wishes only that all groups were in this category but unfortunately for the girls, the Women's Missionary Society and The Presbyterian Church in Canada, this is not the case.

About Leaders

September is a critical time in the world of girls' organizations. It is then that many leaders find it impossible to take up again the leadership of their groups. For some it is absolutely necessary because of health or business reasons that leadership be relinquished. Others may not be able to devote the necessary time and make the necessary sacrifices which a good leader must make. Whatever the reason, it is a fact that each year about one third of all leaders give up this responsibility. This is not a happy circumstance nor does it tend to create a strong girls' organization within the Church as a whole. Can anything be done to remedy this condition?

One might suggest that great discrimination be exercised in selecting suitable leaders. Those responsible for finding leaders should try to secure earnest, sincere and consecrated young women who realize the needs of the teen-ager to-day. She should be sympathetic yet firm, a good sport and a person the girls will want for a friend. This type of person will be likely to carry on her work for a longer period than one who may not understand the requirements of a leader of girls' groups. If such a person is found she should receive all the support that is possible.

A Word for W.M.S. and Sabbath School Officers

This is the month when all auxiliary presidents, Sunday School superintendents and presbyterial girls' organizations secretaries should be on their toes. Please keep in contact with all groups under your supervision NOW! Help them to re-organize and make sure that no group disbands. This is the danger point of the year! Help groups by seeing that competent leadership is provided and we shall be off to a good start for a successful season.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

"MOTHER, why do we have Thanksgiving and why do all our family get together with Uncle John and Aunt Ida to have a special dinner with pumpkin pie and everything?", asked Lynn as she watched her mother put the stuffing in the turkey. Lynn's mother smiled at her little pigtailed daughter as she said, "the custom of giving thanks to God goes a long way back. I am going to tell you a story about a little girl named, Abigail, who lived many many years ago in a little log house not many miles from here."

"In those days our land was covered with trees and the men who came to this new country had to work very hard to cut down the big trees and dig out the big stumps so they could plant wheat to make bread and have vegetables to eat. There were wild animals in the woods, so Abigail stayed very close to the little log house and her father and mother. Her father had to build a fence around the little bit of land where he had planted all their food for the winter so these animals couldn't eat it all up. There had to be enough food too, for Daisy, the cow, who gave them milk. One sunny summer day Abigail was swinging high on a swing her father had made her. The wheat was green in the little field where tall trees had once been and some of the vegetables in the little patch beside the log house were nearly ready for use. Suddenly a tree which her father was cutting fell with a crash and she heard him cry out.

"Abigail and her mother ran to help him, but he couldn't get up because his leg was broken. He was a big tall man and so heavy Abigail and her mother couldn't lift him. Abigail was very frightened but her father and mother were not, because they knew that God would take care of them. They thanked Him for always taking care of them and said they were sure He would look after them this time too. Now the nearest neighbours lived a long way off, but God put it into their hearts to pay a visit to Abigail and her father and mother that very day. What good neighbours they were! Although they had their own growing things to care for, they helped look after the food which was growing at Abigail's house too. Abigail's father had to lie in bed for many weeks until his leg was better.

"One day when the ears of corn were getting ripe, there was a new little brother for Abigail in the little log house. The grown-up daughter of one of the good kind neighbours came to help take care of him. In September when the grain was all stored away and the birds were gathering in the trees for their long journey south, Abigail's mother took her out to the stable, to show her the wobbly little brown-eyed calf snuggled up close to Daisy. It had come in the night.

"By Thanksgiving day, the neighbours had helped father, who was now able to walk a little, to put away all the vegetables for winter. Everyone was so happy to think that there was enough food for all. The leaves had turned red and gold and the air was a bit frosty as all the neighbours with Abigail and her father and mother and even the new little brother went to the little church to thank God for loving them so much and taking such good care of them, and for all the good food safely stored away. Abigail thanked God especially for her dear little brother sleeping so peacefully on her mother's knee. To show God how much they thanked Him for all His goodness, they brought Him gifts that Thanksgiving Day so long ago."

"I like Abigail. Was she a real little girl?" asked Lynn, as her mother finished the story and put the turkey in the pan. "Yes, my dear," said Lynn's mother, "Abigail was certainly a real little girl. She was your great-grandmother."

New Organizations

Alberta

Edmonton Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Gordondale. Pres. Mrs. Keith Johnston; Sec. Treas., Mrs. E. Johnston.

Hamilton and London

Hamilton Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, St. Cuthbert's, Hamilton. Pres. Mrs. O. R. Farnon; Treas. Mrs. W. Stewart; Sec. Mrs. R. Clucas, 174 Glen Rd.

Montreal and Ottawa

Brockville Presbyterial—MacKay-Douglas Young Women's Auxiliary, Chesterville, Ont. Pres. Mrs. Wallace Carruthers; Treas. Mrs. Harold Loughridge; Sec. Miss Mary David, Chesterville.

Glengarry Presbyterial—Mission Band, St. John's Church, Cornwall, South Branch. Leader, Mrs. M. J. McKay, R.R. 2, Cornwall.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Wicksburg, Ontario. Pres. Mrs. George Mackie, Sec. Treas. Mrs. Lloyd Dick, R. R. 5, Cobden.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — The annual tea of Westminster Presbyterial was held in the beautiful new church hall of Kerrisdale Church.

The hall was banked with summer flowers, accentuating the well appointed tea table. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President and Mrs. H. J. McFadden past Presbyterial President presided. Members of the Young Women's organization served. Mrs. M. Clifford, Presbyterial President, welcomed the guests. There was a good representation from all auxiliaries.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, mourns the passing of two valued members: Major Jessie A. Morrice, Reg.N., and Mrs. William Butchart.

Miss Morrice spent her earlier years in Belleville and Madoc. She received nurse's training and went overseas in World War I. She has been associated with St. Stephen's Church for nearly 30 years during which time, she was considered one of the strongest supporters of the work there. She served as president of the senior auxiliary for many years and was well known to the auxiliaries also as a corresponding secretary on the Provincial Board. She served St. Stephen's Church on the board of management until illness prevented her from taking an active part. Her memory will live on through the young women's group which she was instrumental in organizing and which now bears the name: Jessie Morrice Evening Auxiliary. May the example she has set before us encourage us to carry on and fulfil the duties close to our hand, as she always did.

It is with sorrow we heard of the sudden death of our friend and fellow worker, Mrs. W. B. Butchart. We will miss her for her helpfulness in the Women's Missionary Society. As a literature secretary, she has always done excellent work and was always ready to serve to the best of her ability in any office.

ALBERTA

Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Box 68,
Banff, Press Secretary

EDMONTON Presbyterial — There were about 60 present at the meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial held in June in Westmount Church. A splendid address was given by Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Secretary. She displayed sample types of handcrafts which their value in gaining the interest of children.

Mrs. Rod. Macdonald, Vice-president of Peace River Presbyterial, organized a new auxiliary at Gordondale on August 9. Mr. W. Wainman, student missionary on the field, conducted the devotional exercises and installed the officers.

Red Deer Presbyterial—At the May meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Carstairs, a summary was made of the recently completed study on Formosa when each member spoke of that which had impressed her most during the study.

A happy feature of the May meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Red Deer, was the presence of a number of Home Helpers under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Hay. This group has given valuable support to the work of the auxiliary.

At a recent meeting of the Edwell Auxiliary, each member was asked to contribute something toward a layette to be sent in a parcel for relief work in Germany. Edwell and Willowdale auxiliaries recently held a joint meeting when plans were made for a sectional meeting which would include the Edwell, Willowdale, Valley Centre, Brooksley and Lousana auxiliaries.

The film ''My Name is Han'', was shown recently in Rocky Mountain House by the Senior Auxiliary. Those who saw the film enjoyed it very much.

At the sectional meeting held in Edwell Church, Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Red Deer gave an account of the work of our Society in National Missions. Mrs. Bell read the testimony of Miss Grace Lee, a Chinese woman who as a young girl had been converted to Christianity in a mission school in China and who now teaches and works among the Chinese women in Vancouver.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Weyburn, Press Secretary

PRINCE ALBERT Presbyterial—Reverend D. T. Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Western Missions, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the James Nisbet Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert. Mr. Evans spoke of the new work being opened by the Presbyterian Church throughout Western Canada and he expressed gratification at the progress being made in Northern Manitoba and Alberta and the extension work being carried on in Edmonton, Calgary and other western cities. He commented on the mission work being done by the Presbytery of Prince Albert and had special praise for the mission centre at Weirdale and for the centre at Carragana.

The Willing Workers Group of St. Andrew's, Tisdale, held an impressive reaffiliation service in June. Mrs. Morgan, the Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary was the guest speaker. She pointed out to the girls that there is a purpose and a plan for each and that each one must seek her place and strive to do her task well.

The eastern sectional meeting of Prince Albert Presbyterial was held in St. James Church, Melfort, in June. The theme of the sessions was: ''Promise and Fulfillment''. Mrs. C. C. Downing, President, in her opening remarks referred to Miss Pelton's article in the June *Glad Tidings* and urged each one to read it. She challenged the members of the Women's Missionary Society to consider what they had accomplished and how much more each one could do. The devotional periods were conducted by Sylvania Auxiliary and the new Elena McKay Evening Auxiliary of Tisdale. Special mention was made of the new Handbook for Officers and all were urged to make a close study of it. Mention was made too of the importance of visual aids in making the work more interesting. Greetings from Presbytery were brought by Mr. MacSween and in doing so, he gave a brief glimpse of the distinctly different types of work being done in Prince Albert Presbytery in the mission centres of Mistawasis, Carragana and Weirdale. Reverend Dick Gillanders of Armstrong, B.C. was the guest speaker and he took as his text: St. John 15: 16: ''Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you to be ordained by God.'' He applied this text to the work of Christian women.

The Western Sectional meeting of Prince Albert Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert. Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker for Manitoba and Saskatchewan was the guest speaker. As always she gave an inspiring address. She spoke of the need among our missions at home and abroad. Delegates from Weirdale, Meath Park, Shipman and Prince Albert were welcomed by the Presbyterial President, Mrs. C. C. Downing who presided at all sessions. Among the business discussed were plans for the visit of Miss Laura Pelton on September 20 and the Young Women's Rally to be held in October.

The Evening Auxiliary in Melfort has a small membership and in an effort to promote interest in the work of missions, this group has decided to hold a Sunday evening meeting once a month to which all members of the congregation are invited. Singing, Bible expositions, and mission stories are the features of these meetings.

The Knox Church Auxiliary, Sylvania, held a special meeting to which were invited, Home Helpers and friends interested in missions. Miss Jean Whitson, deaconess led in devotions and a report of the Synodical meetings was given by Mrs. Argall, Presbyterial Press Secretary.

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BRANDON Presbyterial—The annual rally of the Brandon Presbyterial was held in First Church Brandon with eighty-six delegates registered. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, Mrs. LeCocq, Synodical President and Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., missionary on furlough from India, were the guest speakers in the afternoon. Reverend S. Dempster, was the speaker at the evening young people's service.

Reverend Gordon Faraday addressed the May meeting of the auxiliary of First Church, Brandon. He outlined the work of the Visual Education department of the Church.

The Auxiliaries of Brandon Presbyterial were happy to welcome Miss Ruby Walker, Miss A. Stewart and Miss B. Downey to their meetings. The Minnedosa and Neepawa ladies met together and all enjoyed the dramatization of the story of the Good Samaritan. At Wellwood, the pupils of the school attended the meeting and at Lenore, the C.G.I.T. group re-affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The Society sponsored a meeting at Stonewall in June at which Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President, presided. Miss Anderson, president of the Stonewall Auxiliary led the devotions. Both Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. LeCocq, President, Manitoba Synodical, spoke of the interest the younger groups of the church were taking in missions. One of the guest speakers was Miss Catherine Highten who also emphasized the work of the Church among young people. Miss Ruby Walker spoke of the constant opportunity before us to carry on the mission work of the Christian Church. She urged that members of the Women's Missionary Society pray constantly for the work at home and abroad.

The Winnipeg Presbyterial Society sponsored a meeting at First Church, Winnipeg at which Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., was the guest speaker. Miss

Sherrick spoke of her work among the Bhil people in India. Mrs. LeCocq brought greetings from the Synodical Society. The Evening Auxiliary of St. James Church was in charge of devotions.

The Stonewall Auxiliary held a very inspirational July meeting. Mrs. J. S. Flook of Winnipeg was the guest speaker. Mrs. A. Tosback, a former member, brought greetings from the Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. F. A. Gemmel, First Vice-President of the Manitoba Synodical Society, was the guest speaker at the June meeting of Old Kildonan Auxiliary and Home Helpers. She spoke of methods of increasing Home Helpers membership.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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Owen Sound, Press Secretary

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—On June 14th Mrs. Robert McGregor, Owen Sound, was hostess for the annual Home Helpers meeting of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Owen Sound. Mrs. J. S. Dobbie gave a very full report of the Synodical meeting held in Goderich. Quoting from the Synodical Home Helpers Secretary, Mrs. Dobbie said, "Friendship and encouragement is the keynote for success in this department." A substantial increase in givings for the Supply Fund was an encouraging feature at this meeting.

At the July meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Owen Sound, the senior Auxiliary had the privilege of hearing an exceptionally fine account of the Evening Department Conference held in Montreal, given by Mrs. A. Shiers. Garments for the bale were on display at this meeting.

Chatham Presbyterial — Mrs. Bela Nemath, a New Canadian, was hostess in June to the Wallaceburg Senior Auxiliary. Mrs. M. Scott Fulton was presented with an Honorary Life Membership at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of First Church Senior Auxiliary, Chatham.

In June, the Home Helpers were guests at a dinner given by the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. Miss Isabel McConnell gave a farewell message. She returns to India in the autumn.

Hamilton Presbyterial—The Presbyterial Executive had a happy change in routine when on the invitation of the Grimsby Auxiliary, the regular June meeting was held there, thus enabling many from the Niagara peninsula to be present. Miss A. J. Ritchie presided and Mrs. D. Munro brought greetings from Synodical and Mrs. Moore Gordon spoke.

During May the Presbyterial held seven sectional meetings. Such speakers as Miss McConnell, Jobat; Mrs. MacKay, Jhansi; and Miss Reith, Toronto, gave added enthusiasm to these meetings.

A new Auxiliary has been organized at Stamford. Previously this was an affiliated group.

At the inaugural meeting of St. Cuthbert's Auxiliary Miss A. J. Ritchie conducted the installation of officers and gave a very inspiring talk on the history of our Women's Missionary Society.

Huron Presbyterial—The June meeting of Clinton Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. McCowan, Stanley Township, with Home Helpers and visitors present.

The regular meeting of Caven Auxiliary, Exeter, was held on June 21st at the home of Mrs. Carl Mitchell, with Mrs. Strang, president, in the chair. The story of the hymn ''The Church by the Side of the Road'' was told by Mrs. Whilsmith. Mrs. Hatter in giving Current Events made use of the *Glad Tidings* in doing so. Mrs. Sillery gave an excellent talk on ''Taiwan re-entered'' from *Enter China.* Mrs. Strang closed with prayer.

Observing their 59th anniversary the Carmel Auxiliary, Hensall, held a birthday party in the church school room and had as their guests the Women's Missionary Societies of the United Church and the Anglican Church, Hensall. Mrs. C. S. Hudson presided and extended a welcome. As guest speaker, Mrs. D. Sinclair, Exeter, explained the organization and maintenance of our Church Camps.

London Presbyterial — During the month of June particularly well-attended district meetings were held throughout the Presbyterial. The inspirational messages brought by the speakers provoked an unusual interest among the women present.

Mrs. P. J. McEwen, Sarnia, spoke from the Book of Esther, at Ilderton and Knollwood Park, Auxiliaries. Mrs. Walker, Shedden, was guest speaker at Melbourne and Crinan, her thought being ''Building Altars for God''. Mrs. T. C. Kennedy, Rodney, Synodical delegate to the Evening Department Conference held in Montreal, gave helpful suggestions gleaned from this conference.

Mrs. Scollick, as well as giving a very gratifying report of the Literature Department, carried a display of literature to all district meetings. Through the messages brought back by members of the Presbyterial Executive and by interchange of suggestions throughout the Auxiliaries one realized that these sectional meetings are of great value to the members in rural areas, who so often are unable to attend larger gatherings.

Maitland Presbyterial—The 35th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Melville Church, Brussels, May 17th, Mrs. Guthrie Reid presiding. The first speaker was Mrs. Gillespie, hospital deaconess from Toronto, who gave a most interesting outline of her work. The treasurer reported the allocation had been exceeded by a goodly sum. Mrs. McWhinney, Dungannon, then introduced Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary of our Society. Miss Macarthur strongly urged the early missionary training of children. All reports showed a very flourishing year throughout this Presbyterial.

The Teeswater Home Helpers met in June at the home of Mrs. Charles Steel. Reports of the meeting held in Brussels were given by Mrs. D. Keith and Mrs. Wm. Case; Mrs. G. Reid gave a résumé of the Home Helpers Department organized in this district 34 years ago.

Paris Presbyterial—The summer conference of Paris Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, June 16th, the theme being ''Be ye Steadfast''. Mrs. Deane Johnston presided. Four discussion periods gave birth to many ideas particularly adaptable to rural areas, and ''Programme Planning'' as outlined by Mrs. Johnston proved very instructive. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), brought a vivid picture of conditions in our four overseas mission fields.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Knox Church Auxiliary, Warwick, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary in the village Town Hall, where golden streamers and summer flowers made a beautiful background. Mrs. Harold Smith, president, welcomed the guests. The minutes of the first meeting held in Knox Church, June 14th, 1899, were read by Mrs. R. B. Ross.

On June 22nd the Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Aberarder, observed their 50th anniversary. Friends, neighbouring Auxiliaries and one charter member, Mrs. Wm. Sutcliffe, were present. Miss K. Watson sketched the history of this group organized in 1899 by Mrs. Urquhart. Mrs. Fred Gallie conducted an impressive memorial service.

Stratford Presbyterial—The summer conference of the Presbyterial was held in Shakespeare Church, June 16th. Mrs. Erskine of Monkton presided. All reports showed both spiritual and financial advancement. The theme of the guest speaker, Mrs. Young of Cromarty, was, ''The Watchman on the Walls of Jerusalem''.

A Young Women's Auxiliary has been recently organized at North Mornington Church.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial — Mrs. E. O. Rawson was again elected president of Barrie Presbyterial at the annual meeting in Collingwood. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Candidates Secretary on Council Executive, who recalled her first visit to the Collingwood church seventeen years ago, when she presented a Bible to Miss Bessie MacMurchy before she left for India. She stressed the need for Christian literature to help spread the Christian Gospel in an unsettled world. Special mention was made of the splendid Mission Band display. Alliston and Midland displays were judged the two best. Four discussion groups were conducted. Devotions were led by ladies from Nottawa and Cookstown.

Section No. 1, of Barrie Presbyterial held a meeting in Essa Road Presbyterian Church, Allandale. Mrs. McL. Stephanson, the oldest member in the Presbyterial, spoke of the bales packed in earlier days. Mrs. Harold Keefer, Girls' Organizations Secretary on Council Executive, was the guest speaker.

Lindsay Presbyterial — A well attended semi-annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial was held in Leaskdale Presbyterian Church. Devotions were conducted by Zephyr and Wick Auxiliaries at the morning and afternoon sessions respectively.

North Bay Presbyterial — The 35th annual meeting of North Bay Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Magnetawan. Delegates were present from Sudbury, Burk's Falls, Parry Sound, Ferris and North Bay. Some came as far as 150 miles. Encouraging reports were heard from most departments. The President, Mrs. J. M. Campbell, spoke on: Increased membership and increased giving to allocation. She also gave a report of the Synodical meetings held in Peterborough. The guest speaker was Reverend D. Douglas, now at the Sudbury Mission.

Orangeville Presbyterial — The first annual meeting of Orangeville Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh. The roll call was answered by 12 auxiliaries, 3 young women's auxiliaries and 4 mission bands. Departmental reports were heard from the secretaries and a discussion on: ''Is your report form correct'', proved very helpful. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, President of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston, spoke of the Foreign Missions Conference held in Columbus, Ohio, Reverend T. K. Chiu, Kunming, China, told some facts about the Christian Church in China and the fight against Communism. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, in her closing message, reminded the delegates of the need for Christian missions throughout the world.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Hornings Mills, played host to Mission Band members throughout Orangeville Presbyterial. One hundred and thirty children were present. A service of worship and a programme were presented by visiting Bands. Most of the bands have worked hard on a Bible memory contest since January. Hillsburgh carried off the banner for having the highest percentage of members completing the work. The rally was organized by Mrs. John Nute, Mission Band Secretary, assisted by Mrs. Wallace McCormick of Swinton Park.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. J. R. Hill, 250 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — A special meeting of Section Three of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Mountain. Miss Laura K. Pelton brought a missionary message full of conviction and information. Spencerville Auxiliary was in charge of devotions; the service of remembrance was conducted by Mrs. R. Beggs of South Mountain. A special season of intercessory prayer, in which several ladies took part, was a highlight of the evening. Welcome guests were ladies from the United Church. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Miss Pelton also addressed the other three sectionals of the Presbyterial during her visit.

Kemptville Home Helpers met in their church parlors to hear a detailed report of the Synodical meetings in Cornwall from Mrs. E. Larsen of South Mountain.

Glengarry Presbyterial — Ideal weather and gifted speakers featured the 35th annual rally of Glengarry Presbyterial, held in historic Kenyon Church, Dunvegan, under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. K. MacMillan. The rally attracted 170 delegates, the largest attendance in recent years and this was a time of great spiritual impetus to the missionary work of the auxiliaries. Miss Frieda Matthews gave a vivid description of the missionary work in Canada and Mr. Angus MacKay of Jhansi, India, took his audience across the miles to India, describing its climate, customs and the several phases of the missionary work undertaken by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Women's Missionary Society. Greetings from the Synodical Society were brought by Mrs. Harcourt Emra and from Glengarry Presbytery by Reverend Robertson Millar.

St. Elmo Auxiliary, as guests of Maxville Senior Auxiliary, at their June meeting in St. Andrew's Church, had charge of the programme. This inter-change of programmes adds variety and interest to the meetings.

Lanark-Renfrew Presbyterial — The Explorers Group of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, entertained their mothers and members of the W.M.S. auxiliary at a regular meeting in the spring. The roll call was answered with a gift for the bale and many other lovely gifts made by the group were on display. The Group entertained their guests with a programme and with a lunch served in Chinese style.

Montreal Presbyterial—Kindergarten choruses, recitation of verses and exercises by the older pupils featured the school closing of the Montreal Chinese Presbyterian Church in June. The programme was under the co-direction of Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie. Reverend Paul S. Chan spoke brief words of welcome and presided over the gathering.

The auxiliary of the Robert Campbell Memorial Church, Montreal, held its final meeting of the season with Miss Margaret MacKinnon, Bible Teacher, as the guest speaker. Miss MacKinnon gave an inspiring message entitled ‘‘Parable of Lost Things’’, based on Luke 15. An increase in the membership of this auxiliary has been noted since the meeting time was changed from afternoon to evening.

The Maisonneuve Auxiliary held its 43rd anniversary service at the May meeting when Mrs. R. M. McCleary brought greetings from the Presbyterial Society. The long and faithful service given by many devoted auxiliary officers was emphasized in an historical account of the auxiliary.

Ottawa Presbyterial — A sectional meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterial was held at Kars and attended by members of the auxiliaries from Richmond, Manotick, Kars and members of the Presbyterial executive. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta presided. An innovation for the reports of the departments was that each department was designated as a flower, a part of the W.M.S. garden.

The Mary Masson Club, of Knox Church, Ottawa, honoured their president Mrs. Vincent Pask, by presenting her with an Honorary Life Membership.

Quebec Presbyterial — The annual meeting of Quebec Presbyterial was held at Scotstown, with the president Mrs. Boy presiding. Reports showed that small groups were maintaining their work in the face of difficulties. Three new groups were reported. The address was given by Miss Frieda Matthews who pointed out the urgency of Christian work at home and overseas. Mrs. Baker brought greetings from the Synodical Board.

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June 30th, 1949

RECEIPTS:	
Montreal West, Sabbath School, ‘‘Miss Kennedy’s Work’’	$ 7.00
Mrs. A. W. Hardy, Toronto, ‘‘For Mission Work in memory of my husband’’	1,000.00
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Rent from worker	20.00
Missionaries’ Personal Account	443.83
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Government Grant, Birtle School	1,093,26
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Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	942.75
Hamilton and London	3,100.00
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Toronto and Kingston	5,486.50
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	213.50
	$17,964.79

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Birtle	$ 297.25
Birtle, Government Grant	3,052.15
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.31
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	2,646.31
Chinese in Canada	1,136.47
Deaconesses	1,317.49
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	275.68
Children's Centres	665.12
Port Work	122.36
Organization	1,273.51
Supplies	1,054.88
Exchange	26.34
Publications	699.62
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Deputation	75.35
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Candidates	27.95
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China	1,225.00
Formosa	1,975.00
Missionaries' Expenses	798.96
Christian Literature	347.50
Grants	696.00
Hospitalization rates	49.65
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Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 210.00
Special Fund—	
Interest	135.00
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	210.00
Legacy Fund—	
Estate of the late Dugal Clark through Dunwich Presbyterian Church	238.66
Estate of the late Jessie R. Quinton	929.56
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Legacy returned from China	1,000.00
Interest	355.10
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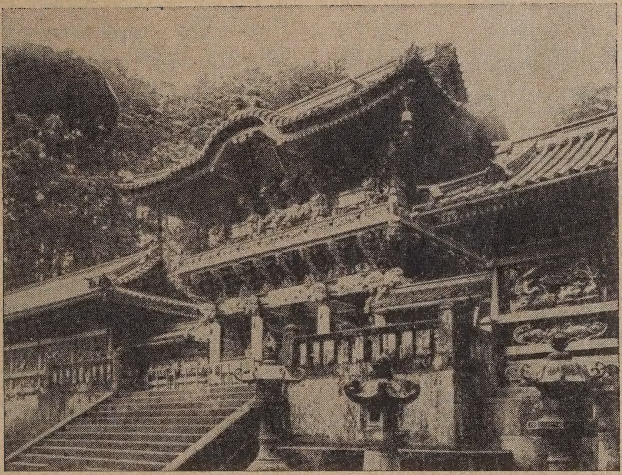

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EDITORIAL

THE study of missions in general and the promotion of the work in the various parts of the world and at home by our own Missionary Society are the purposes of our organization. We are constantly seeking to be up-to-date in all phases of the movement which seeks to bring to the peoples of the world the knowledge of God's love for them and of the redeeming power of His Son. This year as we begin the season's work, we are conscious as never before that the Christian Church must prevail if the world is to be saved from a twentieth century dark age created by modern pagan forces. There is a part for all of us to play in this crusade, a part which includes studying, giving, praying. Our magazine is dedicated to help you in all these phases of our task. We earnestly hope to bring you as much missionary information as possible and knowledge of the work our missionaries are doing.

The theme of our study this year is Japan. In this issue your attention has been drawn to it in several ways. The departmental pages feature descriptions of the studies being used in senior, girls' and children's groups. Miss Louise Reith is the author of the senior study *Towards A New Dawn In Japan.* She has also prepared a programme guide for use with her book and one for use with the study *Tales From Japan* recommended for girls' groups. Miss Macarthur has prepared a guide for leaders of children's groups to use with their study *Where The Carp Banners Fly.* Miss Reith and Miss Macarthur have expended much thought and time to bring you valuable and attractive material with which to study.

There is much to learn about this land which has so many colourful customs and romantic legends enhancing the culture of its Oriental people. How can we possibly understand the troubles of body, mind and spirit through which they have gone in these days when ancient philosophies have been found wanting as answers to the problems of life! Through many ages the Japanese people pinned their faith on gods which were represented by the ruling class in general and by the emperor and his family in particular. The war years—these last two decades—have proven the fallibility of their gods and their inability to bring their worshippers either physical or mental security. In their minds there must be disturbing questions concerning what to believe and in whom it is possible to have trust.

Through these changing years the Christian Church has been teaching and preaching and healing. To-day the challenge that the Christian faith makes to the Japanese mind is greater than ever before. The power that God has shown through His ministers and teachers has proven that He is greater than any physical force could ever be. It is hard for us whose traditions for generations past have been linked with Christian culture, to understand the difficulties through which new Christians go in learning to trust God as their Father, Jesus as their Saviour and to rely on the Holy Spirit as their constant Guide. But this miracle is happening every day and we are party to it when by our studies and our prayers we show ourselves seeking with them to learn God's design for us all.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll — A Tribute

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll

ON Monday August 22nd Mary Catherine McKerroll passed away in hospital at Kincardine after a brief illness. So passed an outstanding woman in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) would pay a tribute to Mrs. McKerroll for all she meant to the Church and to the Society.

Perhaps Mrs. McKerroll's most outstanding work was as Leader and Teacher for 18 years of the young men's Bible Class at Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Later Mrs. McKerroll became Superintendent of the Young People's Department in the Sunday School of Victoria Church, Toronto. Her interest in young people's work was always great. But it is especially of Mrs. McKerroll's work with the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) that we would speak. In the closing months of 1910 Mrs. McKerroll became a member of the Board of Management of the W.H.M.S. In 1914 after amalgamation of the three Societies she was appointed Mission Band Secretary and also served in many other capacities. When the Forward Movement was launched after the First Great War Mrs. McKerroll was appointed by the W.M.S. as their Forward Movement Secretary and with another was responsible for the set of charts on the work of the Women's Missionary Society. With members of the Mission Boards of the Church she went to the four Western provinces to stir up interest in the Forward Movement. She was also a Vice-President of the W.M.S. and in 1925 she became President of a diminished but undaunted Society where she served for three years. She then became a Vice-President and Secretary for Indian Work.

During her tenure of office as President Mrs. McKerroll gave valuable service on the Board of Sabbath Schools and Lantern Slide Committee, on the Missionary and Deaconess Board, on the General Board of Missions. She was also a member of the Church's delegation to British Guiana in 1928. She did her full share on all Interdenominational organizations and was Chairman of the National Girls' Work Board for three years.

In October 1937 Mrs. McKerroll tendered her resignation as a member of Council Executive owing to her removal to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

At the time of her death Mrs. McKerroll was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

It is difficult to estimate all that Mrs. McKerroll meant to our Society. She was a gifted public speaker and was a power in interpreting the work of the Church and the Society to others. A tremendous worker she gave of her great gifts unsparingly. Possessed of great charm and a wonderful personality and above all of a loving heart, Mrs. McKerroll drew people to her. Who of those who worked with her can forget the fateful days before 1925 when along with the other two remaining Vice-Presidents the reorganization of the Society was set in motion. How for days the work went on from early morning till late at night. Mrs. McKerroll was made Convener of the Interim Committee and later became President.

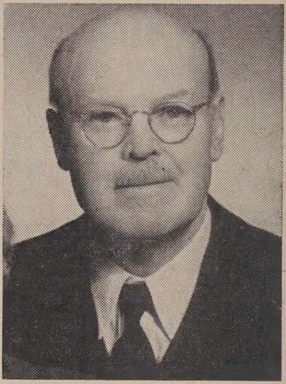
Her interest in the Society never slackened. Would that many of our women would follow in her train.

"Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

—*H.M.S.*

Members of the Women's Missionary Society extend their sympathy to Miss Lily Macarthur whose brother Mr. Charles Macarthur of Windsor, Ontario, died recently. Miss Macarthur was in the midst of her work in the Peace River district, Alberta, when news of her bereavement came to her.

Mrs. L. L. Young



Dr. L. L. Young

Return to Japan

AGAIN we are working with the Koreans in Japan. Dr. Luther and Mrs. Young and Reverend Paul and Mrs. Rumball are now there helping to bring together the scattered Koreans and to assist the weakened but living Korean Church to reestablish herself. At the time of the delegation's visit to Japan we had only eleven Korean congregations, three ordained pastors, one of whom was Japanese, one Bible woman and ten lay workers. It was inevitable that the Church should be shaken during the intervening years 1940-48. The wonder was that there was a Church at all and the greater wonder that the spirit of it was such that the remaining leaders were determined to recover their former strength and to make a witness to the non-Christian Koreans who number between six and eight hundred thousand. The plight of the Koreans in Japan is a sorry one. Many are cut off from their former vocation and employment because of economic pressure, the Japanese resenting their presence in the country because there does not appear to be employment for all. This has led to vandalism, robbery, black marketing on the part of the Korean non-Christians. We doubt if we have ever met with a group of Christian people so deeply conscious of a sense of responsibility for their non-Christian brethren and fired by a great passion to witness to them. The door to the Koreans at the present time is wide open. They look upon The Presbyterian Church in Canada as their sister in the faith. A call to help them reestablish their Church is to go now—not five years hence. Let us hope that we shall be able to add to our

Mrs. Paul Rumball

Rev. Paul Rumball

staff and not leave an impossible burden upon the four missionaries who are there.

During the eleven years from 1928-40 that we were permitted to work among the Koreans the results were amazing. Nowhere has our work paid richer dividends on the amount expended. Now we have returned let us return in sufficient strength to yield another rich harvest for the Kingdom of God.

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

News from Japan

From a letter written by Mrs. Paul Rumball.

WE have been back two months now and have been very busy getting settled and getting around to various churches to meet the Christians. It took a little while to become accustomed to Kobe as it is to-day. Many of the old landmarks are gone and in their places stand new buildings and many places are still a desolate sight.

Of more than 60 congregations of Koreans only 17 remain and in these the majority of Christians are mostly strangers to us as most of the former church members and all of the pastors have returned to Korea. There is great rejoicing when we do meet someone who was well known to us in former days. I find it strange to be introduced to young men and find that they once were children in our kindergartens. One is happy to see the courage and faith of the Christians and to know that their faith stood the test of the trying times through which they have so recently passed. Many of our pastors suffered persecution during the war years and several have passed on in the past couple of years. In Kobe where formerly there were three Christian groups, two of them quite large, there is now only one church and the congregation is not very large but there is still a great opportunity as there are many Koreans living in the city.

In most of the churches we still have the Women's Missionary Society and the women have carried on nobly without the help of either a missionary or a Biblewoman. It is always an amazing thing to me to see how God gives ability and wisdom to untrained and inexperienced women who truly love the Lord and depend upon Him for guidance and help. They are always willing to give to others anything which God has revealed to them from His Word. In Kyoto at the last meeting of women, after church service one day, about fifty-five were in attendance and in Osaka nearly 70 women were at the meeting. The Kyoto group is planning a three-day evangelistic campaign in September in order to reach the non-Christian women. I expect to speak at one of the evening meetings and we will have slides shown with the new projector which a kind friend in Canada gave us before we left. Already the projector has been used several times and I believe will prove a blessing in the work.

Most of our Sunday Schools had Daily Vacation Bible Schools early in August. The little Kobe church was filled almost to capacity with about 95 children, and the encouraging thing was that most of these were older children between twelve and seventeen years of age. We went out two mornings and tried to do our part, I gave a flannelgraph story and Mr. Rumball helped with the music and the last evening gave two sets of slides which were enjoyed.

The other day we attended an interesting service in celebration of the end of the war and the liberation of Korea. Communists and others were busy celebrating in various ways but the Christians of the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe district met for a worship service in the morning and about six hundred attended. It was the first time I have ever seen the Korean flag flying publicly and the first time I had ever heard three cheers for Korea. Before the war these acts were forbidden. The sermon was preached by the Kyoto pastor who is a Japanese and who speaks Korean like a native. Altogether it was quite a unique service.

When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.
—Joseph Addison.

NEWS UP TO THE MOMENT

Miss Gertrude Rollo, Reg.N., whose term in India was interrupted by serious illness has arrived in Vancouver. We are all glad to know that after a safe voyage she feels that her health is improving steadily.

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., is now on furlough from India. She travelled with Miss Rollo and is at present in Vancouver.

Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M. has been seriously ill in Taiwan. She is now much better and will have a period free from her duties as music teacher in Tamsui Girls' School to recuperate.

Mrs. Malcolm Ransom and her three children are returning from Yunnan, South China. They will live in Vancouver until such time as they can be reunited with Mr. Ransom.

Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., who left Kienshui, China, at the request of Council Executive has now arrived safely in Canada.

New Peace River Presbyterial

During the summer Mrs. John Kelman, Edmonton Presbyterial President, was instrumental in organizing the Peace River Presbyterial. The following are the officers: President, Mrs. Ronald Davidson, The Manse, Grande Prairie; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Rod. Macdonald, Blueberry Mountain; Secretary, Mrs. Ayr, Grande Prairie; Treasurer, Mrs. Swallow, Grande Prairie. We extend to the officers and to the Auxiliaries of this new Presbyterial our wish that they may have happy fellowship in their organization and that they may realize great inspiration from this forward step in the interests of our Women's Missionary Society.

CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARIES ON THEIR WAY TO FOREIGN FIELDS

Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E., Designated

Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E.

THE designation service of Miss Margaret Leask took place in her home church, Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, on September 13th. The service under the auspices of Lindsay Presbytery was conducted by Reverend J. Riddell, Moderator of Presbytery. The opening devotions were conducted by Reverend D. G. McQueen of Lindsay. In his address to the missionary Reverend Mr. Mulholland based his remarks on a marginal note on Exodus 16: 4: ''Gather the portion of a day in a day.'' He interpreted this text to advise the new missionary that living a day at a time and trusting in the Master day by day will give security in the tasks which she will face. He reminded her that the Children of Israel received their manna a day at a time and she in constant fellowship with Jesus would likewise receive strength. Following Mr. Mulholland's address Mr. Riddell conducted the service of designation and Miss Leask received the right hand of fellowship from members of Presbytery.

Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Candidates Secretary on Council Executive, represented the Women's Missionary Society at the service. She spoke of how grateful the Society is that one so well trained as Miss Leask has been called to serve in the educational field in India. She commented on the higher standards being set and how our missionaries were meeting these standards. She presented Miss Leask with a Bible the gift of the Women's Missionary Society, and assured her that she might constantly depend on support from us all.

Dr. R. C. McDermid, Miss Leask's minister in Uxbridge, stated how impressed he was with the careful preparation which had led the missionary to this hour. To-night her name will be recorded in the catalogue of very great names for she will belong to those who have joined the apostolic succession. He assured her that the support of her home community would be hers throughout her career and that Chalmers Church and the Presbytery of Lindsay would always be proud of the work she was doing.

Miss Leask, before she goes to India, will be the guest of honour at several Women's Missionary Society meetings at which her many friends in Leaskdale and in Uxbridge are looking forward to showing their loyalty in a tangible way as they present their gifts. She will leave for India the middle of October. After language study she will become a member of the staff of the Helen Macdonald Memorial School. Miss Leask is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Ontario College of Education and has taken a degree: Master of Religious Education at New York Biblical Seminary. During the war she served in the "W.R.E.N.S.". By her experience and her training and her convictions Miss Leask will contribute much to the work of the Christian Church in India.

Missionaries Returning to India from Furlough

Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.

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MISS McCONNELL has just left Canada to take up her medical work in India. She is returning this time to practice her profession as a member of the staff of the Vellore Medical College. For twenty years, Miss McConnell has served the people of India as a member of the W.M.S. staff. Until the time she came on furlough she was superintendent of nurses at our hospital in Jobat. No one can estimate the value of the work she has been privileged to do among the Bhil people. It is small wonder that her services are sought after and gratefully accepted by the Medical College at Vellore. Miss McConnell does not plan to spend her whole term at Vellore, but hopes to return as soon as her period of service there is complete, to her beloved Bhils.

Many women had the privilege of meeting Miss McConnell during her recent furlough. Although she spent some time in her native Ireland and was ill for a considerable period of time, she was able to travel from Ontario to the Pacific coast telling members of our Society about her work in India. She spent some weeks too, studying at the University of Western Ontario's School of Nursing where she became more informed in varying branches of the medical profession, stressing particularly, sociology and child development. These studies are to be added to those taken on previous furloughs; her post-graduate course in anaesthesia and obstetrics was taken at the General Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut. Miss McConnell is a graduate of Montreal General Hospital. She has studied too at Moody Bible Institute. When in Canada, Miss McConnell makes her home in Windsor, Ontario.

Miss Mary Sherrick,
B.A., B.Ed.

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Miss Sherrick is leaving near the end of October for her work at Amkhut in Central India. There she will resume the work interrupted by her furlough. She is principal of the co-educational school in Amkhut. During the time she has been in Canada Miss Sherrick has been adding to her knowledge of the pedagogical field as well as spending some time at the School of Missions in Toronto studying the latest developments in the missionary field. On a previous furlough, Miss Sherrick achieved her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan. This degree was added to her Bachelor of Arts degree and her teaching experience with which she was equipped when she went to India.

Miss Sherrick did deputation work in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and attended several summer camps in those provinces. She will leave from her home in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

To both Miss Sherrick and Miss McConnell we send our best wishes for a good trip back to India and we pray God's richest blessing upon them and the work they go to do.

"Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame."

Board of Missions Missionaries Going Abroad

To India:
Mr. Angus and Mrs. MacKay

Mr. Angus MacKay

EARLY in September Mr. Angus and Mrs. MacKay returned to Jhansi, India. With them were their son, Donald and their daughter, Mary Ellen. Many will remember that Donald's illness some time ago had necessitated an early return from the field of Mrs. MacKay and her two children. Donald is now considered well enough to be able to take up his life in India again.

Mr. MacKay will return to his work as an evangelist and part time teacher in the Bible School in Jhansi. When Mr. MacKay went to India twenty years ago, he left his job as a teacher of a school in Western Ontario to do so. He became a member of the staff of the Boys' School in Jhansi. When it was decided to close that school, Mr. MacKay did evangelistic work in Jhansi and neighbouring centres.

Mrs. Angus MacKay

Mrs. Mackay went first to India under the Society as a teacher in the Helen Macdonald Memorial School. Now she serves the mission field in the many and necessary ways left for the wife of the missionary. Mrs. MacKay's home is New Westminster, British Columbia; Mr. MacKay's is Whitechurch, Ontario.

During the months they have been in Canada, both Mr. and Mrs. MacKay have been available as speakers for audiences in Ontario. Many have learned much about India and the present conditions in that land from their descriptions. Mr. MacKay has spoken to several Presbyterial and Synodical gatherings.

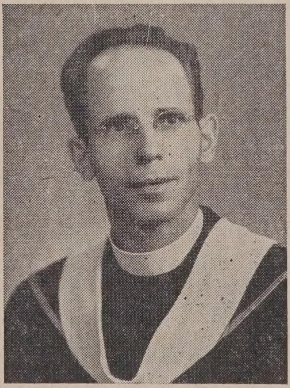
To Taiwan (Formosa): Dr. George W. and Mrs. Mackay

Rev. George W. Mackay, D.D.

The names of these two missionaries who returned to their field in Taiwan this past summer, are known to many in our Church. Dr. Mackay is the son of the famous pioneer of missions in Taiwan, and has spent his life following his father's footsteps. Born in Taiwan, he has spent all his life there save for the years he was being educated in this country, his furlough years and time during the last war when our mission fields were closed to North American missionaries. During the years when they could not be in Taiwan, they were in British Guiana where Dr. Mackay was in charge of the Berbice High School.

Rev. Louis and Mrs. de Groot

Mr. de Groot is a recent graduate of Knox College and both he and Mrs. de Groot have prepared themselves for their work by spending the past winter studying at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. de Groot after completing language study expects to teach on the staff of the Theological College in Taipeh. Although both Mr. and Mrs. de Groot call Ontario their home province, they were born in European countries. Mr. de Groot is Dutch by birth and Mrs. de Groot first saw the light of day in Hungary.



Rev. Louis de Groot

Mrs. de Groot

To British Guiana:

Rev. Edward and Mrs. Bragg

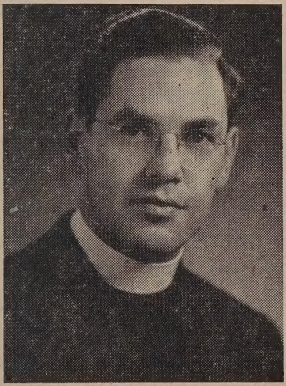
Rev. Edward Bragg

Mr. Bragg, who with Mrs. Bragg returned to British Guiana this fall, has had much experience on mission fields. Before joining our mission staff in 1941, he had served in the West Indies and in Newfoundland under the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In British Guiana, he has served the Canadian Presbyterian Mission as Field Missionary in Essequibo County, and returns now to his church at Bartica where he pioneered in the establishment of a Christian community and the building of a lovely church.

During his furlough period, Mr. Bragg lectured in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

Rev. Edward I. and Mrs. McPhee

In answer to a call by the Board of Missions for a missionary to fill a vacancy on the staff of the Berbice High School in British Guiana, Mr. McPhee gave a quick and ready response. He was a member of this year's graduating class from Knox College.



Rev. Edward I. McPhee,
B.A., B.ED.

Mrs. Edward I. McPhee, R.N.

Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division

Miss Anna B. McDonald

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MISS ANNA MCDONALD is going out under the Eastern Division of the Women's Missionary Society to work in British Guiana. Miss McDonald is a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School of our Church and after graduation served the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.). Her work in British Guiana will likely be among women and children.

To all of these Canadian Presbyterian Missionaries, going to serve under three organizations of our Church, we would express our gratitude for their sacrifice and our prayer that God's Holy Spirit may be their constant guide.

"Feed My Lambs"

BY MRS. T. K. CHIU

"So when they had dined Jesus saith to Peter: 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?' He saith unto Him, 'Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee!' He saith unto him: FEED MY LAMBS" (John XXI: 15).

SO the first thought which came into the mind of our Lord and Master was "the Lambs". *"FEED MY LAMBS"*. So saith He to Simon Peter, at their last meeting and conference on earth! And the same command echoes down through all the ages unto our own day! *"FEED MY LAMBS"*.

We have all seen the picture of "Christ the Good Shepherd" many, many times—with Christ at the centre, and a Lamb in His bosom, and the other sheep following closely. I believe that picture appeals to us very deeply, because, *THERE,* we see at once, that Christ loves and cares for the *LITTLE LAMB,* just like any good mother would love and care for her little baby. A good mother is always ready to give her tenderest and greatest care to the youngest one in the family. "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? . . . *FEED MY LAMBS!"*

Soon after our arrival in Kunming and the opening up of our Church work in that city, a group of prominent leaders, both local and those that were taking refuge in that place, got together to establish the New Village School. Amongst this group some were Christians; they came to enlist my help and I accepted it as a call from God to ''feed the lambs''. For, in accepting the responsibility to head up the school I asked them to allow me a free hand in leading the little children to come to the knowledge and love of Jesus and in teaching them Jesus' way of life; they agreed. That was in the fall of 1942 and at that time we had 120 children in the School, boys and girls together. It gave us not only the opportunities of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to them; but it also gave us fine opportunities of visiting their homes and thus we came into contact with their parents and relatives in a most natural way. And so the evangelistic work and the educational work of our very young mission in Kunming went hand in hand like the wheels on the two sides of a motor car, bringing forward our young Church in Kunming to the stage of buying our own properties, building our own place of worship and becoming entirely self-supporting in May of 1944. From this experience, our eyes were opened to see how, in feeding the *Lambs,* we had succeeded also in bringing some of their parents to Christ! Indeed, the Church has probably had its greatest influence in the field of education, especially the education of the *VERY YOUNG!* Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? . . . *''FEED MY LAMBS!''*

As soon as V-J Day came people started to move back to their old homes in the coastal areas. A great number of the well-trained and more experienced teachers at our school left us at this time. I had a most difficult time to keep the school going in 1945 and 1946. Even now we cannot have a 100% Christian staff in our only School in Kunming as we would like to have it. We thank God that out of every twenty teachers we had last year, when I was there, fourteen were Christians. We are especially short of trained kindergarten teachers. In the kindergarten of 130 children we had only one trained kindergarten teacher while those who helped had never seen a kindergarten before. The problem was so serious that the members of the School Board sent me out to Shanghai and Nanking in October 1946 to see if I could invite a few teachers to come in. But my mission was not at all successful. The need of the coastal provinces during the period of rehabilitation and reconstruction was not less desperate compared with the most backward province of Yunnan. Under such circumstances, how could we blame the young women who had not felt the call of God to leave the coastal provinces and come to the interior which is more than a thousand miles away from their own homes? We could not find the teachers we needed in Yunnan and we could not invite the trained teachers to come in. But *WE COULD NOT LEAVE THE ALL-IMPORTANT AND MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF FEEDING THE*

LAMBS FOREVER UNDONE! For this the *BIDDING* and *COMMAND* of our Lord and *MASTER* to every one of his true followers and disciples when he says: *"FEED MY LAMBS!"*

This is our task in *BACKWARD YUNNAN,* and at present it is the heaviest burden in our hearts. We pray and hope that some of you will be led by the Holy Spirit to give us a helping hand. After all these heart-breaking experiences we have become even more deeply convinced that the only way to overcome this difficulty is to start a Kindergarten Teachers' Training Centre in Kunming as soon as we can. In area, Yunnan is the second largest province in China. It is just a little bit smaller than Germany. If we should succeed in starting the Training Centre, it will be the first and therefore the *ONLY ONE TRAINING INSTITUTION* of its kind in the whole province. Moreover, there are far too few Christian homes in this most backward province of China. Even in Kunming, most of the members of our church are new adherents who have come to us from heathen background. We have to assume the dual responsibilities of being "the spiritual mother" as well as "the school teacher" to those who come to study in our school. The student body is growing all the time. We had nearly 500 children last year—to be exact, 490. Out of every ten children who apply to get in we can

Mrs. Chiu and her Chinese Kindergarten, Kunming.

only take four into the school. People in the whole city know that the New Village School is a Church School where the Christian Religion is taught. But that does not keep them away from us. On the contrary, a great number of them think it a real honour and privilege to be able to study in our school.

Before we left Kunming to come over to Canada we had put on a financial campaign to raise the money for an auditorium which cost us about one billion dollars at that time. The whole sum was raised from the parents of the scholars of our school. As a matter of fact we, as a Church, have not put in any large sum of money into this School yet. The land, the classrooms and the equipment were given to us by the parents of our scholars. Soon after the conclusion of World War II, they gave the whole school to our Church. On top of that, they raised the one billion dollars to build the Auditorium. But now, conditions in China have gone from bad to worse. The establishment of a Kindergarten Teachers' Training Centre does not seem to make such a direct appeal as the auditorium and classrooms, or something which the children need so obviously. But we who love the Lord know the great importance of training good Christian teachers to lead the little ones to Christ. We thank God for leading our Church leaders in our General Assembly to assign Miss Johnston to our School in Kunming for five years. She is an expert in kindergarten education. She comes from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and she has twenty-five years of experience in kindergarten work in Manchuria. When conditions allow she would like to go back to her old field. We would like, however, to take this unusually fine opportunity to get the Kindergarten Teachers' Training Centre started at once.

We also hope that you will help us to get one of our most promising young women to come over to this country for special training in educational work, so that she will be able to take up Miss Johnston's work when the time comes for Miss Johnston to return to her own field.

We firmly believe that this project is the most urgent need of the Yunnan Mission just now. When we get the Training Centre going, her great influence in leading the children to come to Christ will surely increase as the years go by. We will train teachers to *FEED THE LAMBS* at our Centre. More than that, we have every reason to hope that, some of those teachers from our Training Centre will get married and become really good Christian mothers in their own homes. Think of the good Christian mothers and their influence on their sons and daughters. . . . Just think of our own mothers and how much we owe to them. Here is your opportunity to help us, not only to train Christian teachers to feed the lambs in our school, but also to prepare

Christian women who one day will become the very centre for the establishment of Christian homes in our youngest mission field.

We thank you most heartily for all your help in the past and at the present time. As we venture out to this new project, which we believe to be one of the most important cornerstones of our foundation work, I think it would be a serious neglect on my part if I should pass you by without telling you our need and giving you an opportunity to have a share in this work.

Jesus said: ''Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.'' Matt. 10: 42.

''Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? *'FEED MY LAMBS'.''*

Summer Activities of W.M.S. Workers

Miss Lily Macarthur and Miss Athalie Read, Peace River

MISS LILY MACARTHUR, Children's Work Secretary, spent the summer in the Peace River district of Alberta. With Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, she accomplished a considerable amount of children's work there. After working in Edmonton and attending camp at Sylvan Lake, Miss Macarthur conducted vacation schools at Blueberry Mountain, Wanham, Glen Leslie, Bezanson, Grande Prairie and Brownvale. Miss Read assisted her and in addition had a school at Gordondale and assisted in the organization of the Peace River Presbyterial. They also attended a Presbyterian camp at Saskatoon Lake. In reporting these activities Miss Read stated that most of the schools were well attended and that both she and Miss Macarthur enjoyed being at the schools and camps and also enjoyed meeting the people from the various communities. Miss Read writes: ''I feel that I have had a wonderful course in Children's Work being with Miss Macarthur. I am certainly better equipped for Mission Band and Explorer work. I am very grateful for having the summer with Miss Macarthur and wish that it might be done again.''

Miss Ruby Walker in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Most of Miss Walker's summer work was done at camps and summer schools but she had time to visit Auxiliaries and at Barvas and Weirdale helped to organize and reorganize their Auxiliaries. Several of the Auxiliaries were very much interested in camp and made it possible for some of their girls to enjoy 10 days at a Church camp. She writes of her work: ''Saskatoon and Brandon summer schools were both most successful. I am sure Brandon School will now be an annual event. I was pleased to get to Mistawasis. We have a beautiful church and what a work could be done! Each time I visit our Indian fields I just wish our people could see the work which should be done.''

More Camp Recollections

FROM west to east have come enthusiastic reports of camp activities in our land. We are not able to read them without catching something of the inspiration which existed for our young people at these camps across our land where consecrated leaders have given their best to make Church camps meaningful. We are grateful to Mrs. Walter Barlow, Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. William Fitzsimons for their descriptions of camp life at Robert's Creek and at Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster.

Camp Robert, British Columbia.

It is with a deep sense of God's unfailing goodness to us that we review the work of our first Synod's Camp for girls in British Columbia.

The camp site, about a mile and a half from Robert's Creek, is one of the most beautiful and attractive spots along the Coast and as one looks across the water Vancouver Island looms in the distance. The beauty of the site is enhanced by a lovely stream running through the property and a good stretch of beach offers excellent swimming.

Two camps, one for Junior and one for Intermediate girls, were held. Sleeping accommodation for the girls was in two log cabins which proved most acceptable to all for creating a very happy family atmosphere. The dining hall which was a large porch of a cottage overlooked the water and while enjoying good meals one could view the beautiful surroundings.

Both camps were very happy and this was expressed in many ways by the girls—in their whole-hearted participation in the various camp activities, in their willingness to undertake any duties assigned to them, their obedience and enthusiasm and particularly their keenness shown in the Bible Study periods.

A full programme was enjoyed by the campers: Bible Study, worship, handcrafts, games, sports and in evening campfire. From the beginning of each camp there was an atmosphere of easy friendliness and good fellowship and it was felt these camps, the first on the newly acquired site, had made deep impressions on the lives of all who attended and that much had been accomplished.

—(Mrs. W.) Isabella Barlow,
Press Secretary, British Columbia Synodical.

Intermediate Girls' Camp, Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster.

The Intermediate Girls' Camp for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa was held at the Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, from August 3rd to 13th. Thirty-two girls had a very happy time. The director was Miss Muriel Judd of the Chinese Mission in Montreal and the nurse was Miss Margaret Yearsley of Montreal. Mrs. R. W. MacDonald, Montreal, and Miss Mei Yu Dju, Shanghai, were leaders while Miss Margery Fraser, Ottawa, and Miss Lynn Bowering, Montreal, were in charge of swimming and sports.

Morning Praise, Bible Study, and Vespers centred around the theme ''We Work with God''. The campers learned of some of God's wonderful works of creation and His love for mankind and they found that they too may share in the work of the Kingdom by first surrendering their lives to the King of Kings and then by helping others to know Him better.

The girls were divided into four sections for Interest Groups rotating from day to day between groups. They learned Personal Hygiene, Chinese designs and paper folding, smoke printing, spatter printing and made picture maps of the camp site. We were particularly fortunate in having Miss Dju, a Christian Chinese lady who is studying for her Master's degree in Nutrition at Macdonald College. In their daily contact with her the girls and leaders learned much about China and the Chinese people.

On Sunday we attended the Presbyterian Church service in Lancaster—transportation there and back was provided for us. The minister, Reverend Mr. Sharkey, is a good friend of the camp and is always willing to help in any way possible.

On the last evening we had a banquet. The girls decorated the tables, made place cards and candy boxes and decorated the recreation hall for the closing vesper service. Toasts were proposed to the King, the Camp, the leaders and the campers, several of the girls taking part in the proposals and replies and one of the girls leading in singing around the tables. Everyone voted the banquet a success. Another meal which was very popular was a Chinese meal complete with chopsticks and Chinese rice prepared by Miss Dju with the help of the kitchen staff. We had soup, pork, cabbage and rice, almond cookies, and Chinese tea for the leaders.

Sing songs, campfires and varied evening programmes added to the enjoyment of camp. I should like to pay tribute to each one of the leaders for her wonderful co-operation, and to the very fine camp staff—Mrs. R. Forsythe of Finch, Ontario, who was cook and business manager, Miss Millie Mitchell, Lancaster, assistant cook, Miss Doris Ouderkirk, Finch, assistant business manager and Mr. Darcy St. Pierre, Finch, handyman. With such wonderful helpers and responsive and eager campers our camp could not have been otherwise than a most successful and happy one.

—(Miss) Muriel E. Judd,
W.M.S. Deaconess, Chinese Mission, Montreal.

Children's Camp, Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster.

It has been my privilege to be Director of two camps for Junior boys and girls at Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster. I am very pleased to be able to say (from the point of view of an old camper) that these children's camps have been a success. Many children from 7-10 have never been away from home before. It is a time of adjustment for them. What a joy it is to see the shy quiet ones learning to play and sing with other little ones!

We had a well rounded programme of swimming, games, handcraft and Bible Study. We had as our leaders a splendid group of young people, some had made a special study of flannelgraph, some taught leather work, some wood carving, some plaster work.

As one watched and took part in the evening story hour out by the lake or under the beautiful trees one's mind was taken back to the days when the ''Stranger of Galilee'' walked and talked on the hillside and by the lake and uttered those memorable words: ''Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not''. Each leader used his or her own ability to the utmost to make the camp a success. We feel assured that of the 95 children who attended these camps not one will forget the happy days spent at Lake St. Francis.

We hope the children's camps will be continued for we feel our Church will greatly benefit in years to come, because our children will know that our Church cares for them and they in turn will learn to know and love their Church. The leaders who were with us were: Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Montreal; Mrs. Pollock, Montreal; Miss Hedderwich, Ottawa; Miss Whitehouse, Verdun; Mr. John Graham, South Mountain; Mr. Robin Fitzsimons, Cardinal; Mr. Jack James, Montreal; Mr. Fred Swan, South Mountain; nurse, Miss Kathleen Stewart, Birtle, Man.

—(Mrs. Wm.) Maud Fitzsimons, Cardinal.

Corrections and Changes for Annual Report

Unfortunately in the printing of the Summaries of Synodical Societies on page 35 of the Annual Report a serious copying error was made. In the column ''Money Sent to Synodical Treasurer for General Fund'' the amount from Montreal and Ottawa Synodical is given as $3,794.52 and should read **$26,812.05** and the total should read **$141,763.92.** On the same page in the Evening Department summary the amount for Montreal and Ottawa should read **$3,794.52** and the total should read **$20,262.38.**

We suggest that you take the corrected page 375 and paste it in your Annual Report over page 35.

The following are changes of address to be made in the Report: **Montreal and Ottawa Synodical,** Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. G. Cameron, 352 MacLaren St., Ottawa, Ontario, should be **372 MacLaren St., Apt. 1.** **London Presbyterial,** Evening Department Secretary, Mrs. J. K. West, 25 Morton St., St. Thomas, should be **25 Horton St.**

The Presbyterian Church Calendar 1950

Watch for advertising material which will be sent to your church in regard to THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR 1950!

The 1950 Calendar will be the same size as that of previous years, 13½″ x 9″ when hanging, and folding into a flat book 6¾″ x 9″ for easy mailing. It will contain beautiful full colour and black and white pictures, a verse of Scripture for each day, information and pictures about our Church's work in Canada and Overseas.

All orders should be sent to:

Presbyterian Church Calendar,
165 Elizabeth Street,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Literature Secretaries of the Women's Missionary Society may include their purchases of Calendars in their total of literature purchases of the year. We urge all Literature Secretaries to encourage groups to undertake the sale of THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR 1950.

SUMMARY OF SYNODICAL SOCIETIES

Senior Auxiliaries, Affiliated and Associate Societies

Synodical Societies	Presbyterials	Auxiliaries	Affiliated and AssociateSocieties	Total Membership	New Life Members	New Junior Members	Seals	New Honorary Members	New In Memoriam Subscriptions	Value of New Supplies	Cash Sent to Presbyterial Supply Fund	Subscribers to "Glad Tidings"	Money Sent to Synodical Treasurer for General Fund
British Columbia........	4	38	7	899	17				2	$ .75	$ 245.82	946	$ 6,078.81
Alberta...............	4	23	11	780	20	1		1	2	290.75	195.10	554	4,489.28
Saskatchewan...........	4	25	8	464	9				1	114.91	86.35	434	2,645.44
Manitoba..............	3	35	5	814	17	6	2	1		479.05	215.00	561	3,947.34
Hamilton & London......	9	219	7	7184	152	49	47	14	10	1,274.79	2,102.85	5,254	46,259.44
Toronto & Kingston.....	11	235	21	7762	155	28	27	13	10	6,124.33	2,499.43	6,188	51,531.56
Montreal & Ottawa......	6	127	1	3794	69	19	17	10	5	738.85	1,075.75	2,625	26,812.05
	41	702	60	21697	439	103	93	39	30	$9,023.43	$6,420.30	16,562	$141,763.92

Evening Department

Synodical Societies	Presbyterials	Auxiliaries and Affiliated Groups	Membership	New Life Members	New Junior Members	Seals	New Honorary Members	New In Memoriam Subscriptions	Value of New Supplies	Cash Sent to Presbyterial Supply Fund	Subscribers to "Glad Tidings"	Money Sent to Synodical Treasurer for General Fund
British Columbia............	4											
Alberta....................	4	10	156						$ 85.80	$ 28.00	51	$ 491.30
Saskatchewan...............	4	8	85				1		.75	14.66	29	507.17
Manitoba...................	3	5	131						77.07	23.00	68	568.00
Hamilton & London..........	9	58	1464	37	6	7	1		192.85	323.60	476	6,999.68
Toronto & Kingston.........	11	49	1277	24	9	2		1	1,961.62	266.76	431	7,901.71
Montreal & Ottawa..........	6	18	542	11	1	4		3	362.75	158.80	178	3,794.52
	41	148	3655	72	16	13	2	4	$2,680.84	$814.82	1,233	$20,262.38

Prayer

O MOST loving Father, who hast given us grace to pray for ourselves, hear us now, while in duty and humility we pray for others.

O Thou who hast made of one blood all nations of men, remember, we beseech Thee, every creature of Thine for good, and visit the whole world with Thy mercy. Let the light of Thy blessed Gospel shine, and let the darkness be scattered.

We pray for Thy Church throughout the world, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be mindful of their high calling, and may adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour.

We beseech Thee to bless the Church of our fathers. Grant that those who bear office may be examples to the flock, and that all its members may walk continually in the fear of the Lord.

We pray for Thy servant our King, and for those who under him bear authority over us. Bless our beloved Land and Empire; enrich our husbandry; prosper our commerce; preserve our peace; and grant us more and more of that righteousness that alone exalteth a nation.

We pray for our young children, that their tender life may be precious in Thy sight, and that by a wise and godly upbringing they may be fitted for usefulness in this world and glory in the life that is to come. We pray for the men and women who are bearing heavy burdens, that they may be made strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We pray for the aged, that they may be encompassed by the love of earthly friends, and above all may know Thee as their everlasting Friend. We pray for all in sickness and distress, and for those who wait upon them, that Thou wouldst give strength to the weary, aid to the sufferer, comfort to the sad, and help to all in tribulation. . . . .

Accept our thanksgiving, O Lord, for all Thy faithful servants who are at rest with Thee in Paradise, especially those dear to us. . . . and enable us by Thy grace to follow them in faith and patience, that we with them may inherit the promises: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *Aids for Worship.*

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name that will I do. John 14: 13.

Dear Lord, we pray for Thy whole Church. Increase its borders, and give to each individual member a vision of its mission in the world. May all those who are ''at ease'' be awakened by their opportunity and responsibility in making Christ known throughout the earth.

Sowing the "Seed" in Formosa

BY MRS. JAMES DICKSON

OPEN air meetings are held regularly every week in many different places in Taipeh. They are usually held in the evening but some may be in the afternoon, such as the one you see pictured which was held on the afternoon of New Year's Day. The Scripture is read at these meetings to people who have never heard it before.

Country evangelism is even more interesting. We call the people together with the aid of our accordions and drum to announce the meeting in the market-place and later meetings in the church. The children always come running first to surround us. The grownups soon gather too and the meetings are announced. The Gospel is presented in the open air first to intrigue the interest of the

people and to ensure their attendance at the evening meeting. Humble people who learn to love the Lord dearly gather to hear and to study His word. They need Sunday School lesson materials and other Christian literature in simple Japanese which can be prepared here easily by our Formosan Christians and mimeographed for immediate use.

You remember I quoted Bishop Stephen Neill's letter to me that: "Your evangelistic opportunity in Formosa now is perhaps the greatest in the world,"—well that is true. We have ever so many open air meetings where hundreds of people stand quietly for hours listening to the Gospel. We really need loud speakers in order to make our voices audible to such great crowds. We have bought two of them which are in constant use but still I have great faith in the written word put in their hands to take home. There is wonderful literature being prepared in Shanghai now and it is comparatively cheap. We have been buying some but we cannot possibly supply the demand. We need more and with Christians at home supporting us in this venture of putting God's Word into people's hands, the Kingdom's strength will gain immeasurably.

An important world gathering was held in Canada this summer. It was the meeting of the General Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation. It met at Whitby, Ontario, in August. One hundred and twenty delegates came to this meeting from thirty-five countries. They studied the relation and responsibility of student Christian movements to the world struggle, to the Churches, to the university, to student life, and to missions.

An urgent appeal for help for refugees and for the European Churches was heard by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. The appeal came from Dr. Robert Mackie, Director of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees. It was supported by Bishop Meiser of Munich, President Niemoeller, and other speakers. There are twelve million refugees and displaced persons in Germany, it was reported, eight hundred thousand Arab refugees in Palestine, and seven hundred thousand homeless people in Greece. Contributions promised for inter-Church aid for 1949, Dr. Mackie said, amounted to four million dollars, but one and a quarter million dollars was still urgently needed. The Committee resolved to make a strong appeal to the Churches for emergency funds to meet this need. —*World Church News.*

New Organizations

Peace River Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Gordondale. Pres. Mrs. Keith Johnston; Sec. Treas. Mrs. E. Johnston. Notice of this Auxiliary came before we were officially notified of the new Presbyterial. This Auxiliary is in the **Peace River Presbyterial** but was reported last month under Edmonton Presbyterial.

China Letter

From Reverend Malcolm Ransom

Greetings to our Friends!

I HAVE just returned from my seventh trip to south Yunnan. In many ways it was the most heartening of them all.

Communists Ahead. While in the south I attended a conference of Church workers of our Yunnan Mission which met to plan for the coming crisis. In the midst of political tensions, bitter disappointments, and wide-spread banditry, which were interrupting our work, it was encouraging to see this young Church, not yet eight years old in Yunnan, taking hold and laying plans for the years of testing ahead. There were only two foreigners present. And we played minor roles. Under able, consecrated Chinese leaders, in a leisurely Chinese manner, and with much drinking of tea, yet with keenness and a concern for the advance of God's Kingdom, this little group prepared to make a continuing witness under the coming communist régime. There was no hysteria, no declamatory eloquence. The group as a whole simply accepted the situation, and cheerfully recognized the fact that communists have souls too, and God calls Christians to preach the Gospel among them as among all His lost children. The programme called for (a) more effective social service; (b) instruction of church people in fundamental Christian beliefs; and (c) a policy of self-support for local churches.

As I returned by the scenic Yunnan-Indo-China Railway, I had time to ponder the amazing progress under God that had been made by the Yunnan Church. All day the train made its way through the canyons and gorges of this mountainous province, a fairyland of form and colour. Recent rains made vivid the natural colouring. The lush, green foliage formed a striking foil for the stark red rocks of the cliffs and the murky silt-laden waters of the swollen streams. Myriad waterfalls plunged from the high plateau over the sheer cliff face in pounding torrents or in soft veil-like mist. And over all—billowing cumulous clouds set in a sapphire sky. My heart sang amid God's handiwork in creation as I contemplated His greater work of redemption which He has begun in this land through His Church.

An Effective Church. For in these few post-war years we have seen planted in south Yunnan, an effective, continuing Church. In all our centres there have been established fellowships of Christians well grounded in Christian truth. They are led by pastors and deaconesses, several of them of exceptional calibre. One group has already achieved self-support. All of the others have made definite strides toward that goal: no mean achievement in these days of inflation and poverty. The work as a whole is directed by a group of intelligent, consecrated churchmen. This has been no flash-in-the-pan, indiscriminate scattering of fragmentary Gospel truths which might easily end in the collapse of the group and the disillusionment of its members if the foreign missionaries should have to leave and a group of aggressive communists move in. I am persuaded that our Yunnan Church will not only stand in this day, but will be able to meet creatively the new situation, and advance as a witness to the Truth in Christ Jesus our Lord, and as an instrument of God's love.

Family Chronicles. But I am ahead of myself as a family chronicler. When last we wrote, ten months ago, we were settled in our little Chinese home in Kienshui, and were just getting into the promising work of evangelization in that area. Now, as I write, Gerry and our three small children are in mid-Pacific on their way to Vancouver where they will start all over again to make a home. I have been temporarily transferred to Kunming where I have been associated with our young, alert pastor, Mr. Sun, in the work of Field Secretary of the Yunnan Mission. Meanwhile, our family has moved six times and made two trips by air to Hong Kong. In "Unchanging China" things have changed so rapidly that it has seemed impossible until now to write a coherent Newsletter.

Last fall and winter in south Yunnan small armies of bandits roamed the land plundering and killing pretty much at will. Villages were sacked and burnt. Caravans were attacked. Trains were derailed and passengers machine-gunned mercilessly. Our Kienshui Hospital was filled to overflowing with victims. The nearest city (25 miles away) was taken by bandits and held for some time. The worst train robberies were in our Kienshui Valley. It appeared that our city would be taken, and that there would be widespread looting. On one occasion local soldiers battled with the bandits right outside the south gate of the city, a stone's throw from our home. A Home Defence Corps was organized among the local citizens. The city walls were repaired for the first time in a quarter century. Market days were cancelled. People were searched at the city gates for possession of guns. Robber and hoodlum elements within the city, emboldened by the general lawlessness, were becoming more daring and more dangerous.

Hard Decisions. At this point we reluctantly decided to pack up and leave our home, just completed two weeks, into which Gerry had put so much of herself in a labour of love, and move into a room of the hospital for greater security. Then the railway line was cut. Likewise the telephone and telegraph wires. We were completely isolated from the outside world, without money or news. This lasted for almost a month, during which time we celebrated one of the finest Christmases we have ever had in home, hospital and church. Seldom have I felt such a spirit or taken part in such meaningful celebrations. Church services were crowded to capacity for two days. In the hospital we sang carols in the wards, and enacted the Christmas Pageant behind gates closed as a security measure. Our family observed a quiet Christmas around a little scrub pine Christmas Tree in our room bedecked with boughs of Yunnan cedar.

During this time friends in Kunming tried to get in touch with us by messenger over the mountains, but he was turned back. As far as can be ascertained, this was just Yunnan's traditional banditry heightened by desperate living conditions and the complete collapse of law and order in the land as a whole. Later, it seems, many of these groups linked up with the communists, at which point looting and widespread slaughter stopped, and better discipline prevailed.

In mid-January, while the looting and lawlessness was still at its height, however, we moved to Kunming, and went immediately for a much needed rest in beautiful Hong Kong. As our Hong Kong holiday progressed, it became increasingly evident that it would be very unwise to return to Kienshui as a family. Many missionaries had gone even from Kunming, and more were leaving almost weekly. We decided we must return at least to Kunming to get the feel of the situation for ourselves. After several anxious months of makeshift living there we came to the decision that it would be best for the family to return to Canada. But I was loathe to leave the China scene at this time. I am convinced that the Church must find out ways to work under a communist régime, or any other, for that matter. Here in China we have a chance to see how that can be done, and I want to be in on that experiment. This conviction, together with the request from our Chinese colleagues for me to stay with them through the coming turnover, cemented our resolve. Gerry volunteered to take the three children home alone, which is the hardest part, and I expect to return to Kienshui early this fall to continue the evangelistic work of the Church.

Prayers: Young and Old. Claire's daily prayer through the tensest part of this period: ''O God, make Daddy clever, so the bandits won't get us and kill us''! On our way out of south Yunnan we stopped over at Mengtze, a city which was under a state of siege for almost two weeks at one time by bandit groups, and where we have a flourishing Church. Here we met a group of old women who were undergoing a fast for one week, and meeting every morning of that week at 7.30 in the church —to pray for the peace of China!

Reports reached us from one of our smaller village groups, that when the bandits came to their village and camped there for days, our group of Christians met daily for prayer and praise, and one young woman even went and preached to the bandits, exhorting them to repent! A Church worker asked her village Sunday School class of junior age boys and girls what they wanted to be when they grew up. All the boys without exception shouted ''We want to be bandits!''

Christmas in July. Last month our Christmas (1948) parcels began to come through. Overland mail had been held up or lost in mountainous, rough Kweichou Province. Hence, though Christmas Cards continued to arrive as late as May, all hope of parcels had long since vanished. It was a great treat for all when several parcels mailed last September arrived in July. We were able to celebrate Christmas together as a family this year after all! We do thank you all for your letters, cards and gifts. Some, no doubt have been lost, others may still be on their way, but those we have received remind us of a host of friends remembering us and praying for us. . . .

Political Postscript. . . . The Christian Church has lost the first round by failing to channel China's legitimate revolutionary spirit (which was originally created largely by the Christian ferment) into a proper strike for freedom and justice. The communists got ahead of us. . . .

But the second round is just beginning. This the Church can win gloriously. Four hundred and fifty million Chinese are not going to become doctrinaire communists over-night. Four thousand years of continuous culture will not be shaken by one more régime. Communism stands the chance of being absorbed or at least greatly altered by this vast sea of culture and humanity. The test confronting the Church to-day is whether or not she can inject into the national and cultural life of China that social passion, that evangelical fervour, that moral fibre that comes from the full preaching of the whole Gospel fearlessly. If we can do this . . . then we stand the chance under God of having helped to guide this awakening giant to find her rightful position of power among the nations of the world—power based not on fear, but on love and that deep human understanding that is so characteristic of the Chinese.

Pray for the Chinese Church—and for us—''that our love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment'' in these times. May the God of peace be with you all!

Report of Students on Bursaries: School Year 1948-49

BY MISS EDITH M. MAGEE, B.A.

PRINCIPAL, HELEN MACDONALD SCHOOL

Last month you read the letter from Pushpa Moti Lal. This month we would like you to know how other students use the bursaries granted to students in India.

THREE students awarded bursaries in 1947-48 should first be remarked upon, two having graduated from the school and the third being now supported by a sister who has completed nurses' training.

1. *Sona Benjamin* passed her matriculation. The good news that she had been given a training bursary was received from Canada after she had begun to teach in a newly opened primary school in a neighbouring mission. Moreover it was impossible to secure at that time a place for her in the college of music planned upon. It is expected that she will begin this training in July '49. Reports of Sona's work have been excellent. Missionaries reported that her children's singing was remarkably good in a Christian programme which she had adapted to the country's idiom and given a setting in song to ''The Other Wise Man''. This all goes to encourage us in the hope that Sona has the aptitudes and interest likely, with training to bring us the leadership in music and dramatics we so much need. Her year's experience will be all to the good.

2. *Subhashini* (*Sue-Bashnee*) *John* graduated in passing Eighth Class, two years short of matriculation. Only the gift from Canada made possible this achievement, the pre-requisite to vernacular teachers' training. Because she lacked financial backing for a 'pukka' training in a Christian Normal School, she has joined a C.P. Government scheme which will oblige her to teach wherever the authorities may send her. She is the only Christian among the apprentices, but is protected during training. Later it will not be easy when there are certain to be pressures and temptations not easily comprehended by us westerners. However she is a staunch Christian. On her one visit since beginning training, though she is one of the most independent girls we have ever had, it was with tears that she pleaded for prayer. Of all who have been blessed by a bursary Subhashini is perhaps the most deeply grateful. The year here meant everything to her, even though it included janitor work in the school and cooking for the teachers part-time, thus earning enough for books and stationery.

3. *Sumitra* (*Sue-Mitra*) *Lal* passed into Eighth Class in July, standing ninth in a class of thirty-two. She is a conscientious and

reliable girl, scrupulous in fulfilling her assignments in both school and hostel. She works for her pocket-money, though now her sister Angelina is paying her fees, as well as carrying the expenses of education of two younger brothers. It does not yet appear in what direction Sumitra's capabilities and interests may lie. It may be that she will be more outspoken after her older sister (Salvina who is head monitress) graduates.

The following three were recommended by the Educational Committee for a second—this present—school year.

1. *Salvina Lal* will sit for her final examinations in April. She is expected to do well. Her father, one of Dr. Wilkie's converts and pioneer evangelists, died recently. The oldest boy works on the land, which in good years is a considerable help toward providing food for the large family—now the mother and eight children. It would seem best for Salvina to teach for a year after matriculating. There will be many calls from primary schools in the district, and teachers are so few. Later we would hope that she might be able to take training. Her leadership qualities are quite out of the ordinary and—for her age—she is a mature Christian.

2. *Sharola B. Lal's* mother is an energetic little body who has been bread-winner for the family. In our experience she has always kept her word and never failed to meet her obligations to the limit of her means. Sharola is not a quick student by any means, but she is a sticker and a most sensible and responsible girl. She ought to be able to complete two more years; and then will be good material for another much-needed nurse.

3. *Carol S. Lal* is by far the youngest among bursary holders. She is about ten years old, in Class V. A bright student she came into boarding very much under weight, a plain case of semi-starvation. The father is not well or strong enough to work for wages, and his land is poor. The mother, much younger and a second wife, is an intelligent and hard-working woman. She managed to pay fees for Carol's younger sister until the beginning of the year, but has not kept up payments recently. This is the kind of case in which the local church should take responsibility.

The three new names of this year's six are all of girls close to graduation.

1. *Victoria James* is a good student of Class IX, the eldest of the family. This bursary will enable her to help younger brothers and sisters through school.

(It is striking how often our Christian families start off with girls, a circumstance seemingly providential in the situation which obtains in this part of India. For every Christian trained woman there are ten nursing, teaching or public-health posts crying out to be filled. The explanation is that the education of girls is so backward still, not a tenth the schools for them as for boys. In the Government Intermediate examination of this year Jhansi has over 300 boys going up, and only 28 girls. The officer in charge expressed surprise that so many girls are attempting the examination this year. All are private study candidates, two of them from our staff.)

2. *Enid Hanuq Lal* is also in Class IX and also a good student. Her father was head of the two-room school at the farm, and now is on the evangelistic staff. Again Enid is the eldest of a large family.

3. *Augustina John* younger sister of Subhashini, has taken on the responsibilities carried by the latter last year, that is extra work to provide books for herself and young sisters. However it seems that Augustina may not be able to carry such a heavy load. In her studies she has done well. After being out of school for three years she has rapidly caught up to hold her own in Eighth. There is real worth in this girl, independence and integrity. Although she will not be seventeen until August she is mature and reliable enough to be confidently recommended for a teaching post next year—from July. The Christian primary schools throughout the area look to us for their staffing. There are not Christian trained teachers sufficient to go around and the shortage is becoming even more acute.

Viola Samuel. Our hope for Viola was a Home Economics College; but that proved impossible. She is studying in the Training Institute for women, Jubbulpore, a college affiliated with the university and probably the most successful in North India in turning out Christian women teachers. It is hoped that Viola, after some teaching experience may be able to take short courses at the School of Home Craft at Allahabad.

Lajwanti (*Lauj-won-tee*) *Lal* is also studying at Jubbulpore. She and Viola were a little late in joining the college but have made up for lost time. At first they found their studies extremely difficult, English being the medium of instruction. However, when I met the staff they assured me that the girls were doing very well; in fact, Lajwanti was expected to lead her year. Of the eighteen students in the two years of the course six were graduates of our school.

For both of the above two the training bursary has come as a last moment life-saver. Viola was far too young to take on any job; while Lajwanti, not wishing to burden her family, had started to teach in one of the so-called schools which are really money-making rackets, flourishing because there are not nearly enough real schools. She was paid hardly enough to pay for her food; and could not attend church since the teachers were required on Sundays to drum up custom—for classes already crowded out—and to collect fees from Hindu and Muslim homes. With some difficulty Lajwanti was able to escape when she received news of the bursary. Her father had no idea of all she was having to suffer.

On Being Kind to Guest Speakers

SOME months ago a well known Canadian writer wrote a column entitled "Cruelty to Speakers". She pointed out to organizations having guests come to speak to them, that there were many times when they were actually quite cruel to those who were doing them a favour. We are entering a season when Auxiliaries and Presbyterials will be asking guests to come to their meetings and contribute to the principal part of their programme. It might be well for us to think of some of the courtesies which might be extended to both men and women who give up a great deal of time and expend much effort to give us pleasure and information.

One of the suggestions made in the article to which we referred was to give the speaker the best place on the programme. It is not fair to expect them to sit through long preliminary proceedings then be expected to hold the interest of the group which is beginning already to be weary and even bored. After all there are very few people who can give their best attention for longer than 40 minutes. So the guest speaker should speak early in the programme.

Other courtesies have to do with the treatment of speakers before and after the meeting. How often have guests to your Auxiliaries found their own way to your meeting by streetcar, bus or taxi? How often have they walked alone into your meeting and have had to look around for someone to make them acquainted with the plans for the afternoon or evening programme? Surely if it is worthwhile to invite someone from outside or from a distant part of your city to help you with your meeting, it is only right that they should be made to feel as welcome as it is possible for you to make them feel. It makes all the difference in the world, as some of us have experienced, to be met and taken into a home and made to feel that our contribution is worthwhile. So when you are planning your fall rallies or Thank-offering meetings or any special event be sure that you try to give visiting speakers every courtesy.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

ON this page of the past two issues of *The Glad Tidings* mention has been made and this month on the Auxiliary page mention is made of the Auxiliary Study for 1949-50—TOWARDS A NEW DAWN IN JAPAN. We hope that the Auxiliaries will put their very best planning and preparation into making this year an interesting and profitable one.

To aid in personal understanding through individual reading, and for use as supplementary material to the study, there are a number of very excellent books. (See the Book List on the inside of the back cover of this magazine.) Each month one of these books will be reviewed on this page. It is rather difficult to decide which one to mention first; they are all good. However the one to which I would particularly draw your attention this month is a book of poems which I am sure will be helpful to read in private as well as providing fitting and beautiful quotations to use in services of worship at your meetings. It bears the lovely title—SONGS FROM THE LAND OF DAWN—the poems within its pages are written by Kagawa and other Japanese poets.

The introduction to SONGS FROM THE LAND OF DAWN is written by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York City and in this introduction he gives us some idea of what to expect. He says in part—"During the war we of America wondered what Kagawa was thinking, feeling, saying. . . . Now we know. . . . His lines leave images that sear the brain. . . . These little poems are the current epistles of a contemporary Saint Paul. Here we see the scars of the body becoming the badge of spiritual victory. Here we see a soul coming 'more than conqueror' through tribulation, nakedness, peril, the sword. Kagawa gives us a glimpse behind the curtain of the past few years and it is dark; he also gives us a glimpse 'behind the beyond' and it is light. Worthy to rank with Kagawa's work are the poems of his contemporary Christians. They, too, found songs to express the experience of coming up out of great tribulation."

As one reads and rereads Kagawa's poems one cannot help but feel that truly Christ came very near to Kagawa through the trying years of war. As he tells of his imprisonment and of how "discouraged, miserable," he prayed—he says:

"And then the vision came—
I had been seeking for the Christ
Too far away;
But now I saw
That He could live in me!"

Not only are we conscious that Christ came very close to Kagawa, Kagawa brings Christ very close to us as in simple, poignant words he prays:

> ''Christ, Who didst walk on Galilee,
> Lead me to peace in this sad world;
> Thou Who didst fall asleep in that frail boat
> On storm-tossed sea,
> Oh, lead me to that world where all is understood—
> Live Thou, O Christ, in me!''

# AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

As you have already noticed on the Literature Page, the new programme material is ready for all Auxiliaries and the theme is ''Towards a New Dawn in Japan''. It seems opportune that this is the subject for study in groups all across the North American continent. The Women's Missionary Society prior to the war did have a part in work in Japan, and will again we trust resume work there along with our Church where Dr. and Mrs. Luther Young and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rumball have already gone. So it is well that we should again become familiar with a country and its people where missionaries of the Presbyterian Church are working.

Under the title *Towards a New Dawn in Japan,* Miss Reith has made available to us in a condensed form the story of ''The Land of the Rising Sun'' and its varying fortunes; the people and their characteristics; the entrance of Christianity to Japan and the growth of the Christian Church. She revives for us a story that we may have forgotten, she reminds us of that great Canadian woman, Dr. Caroline Macdonald, and she brings us a fund of information from authentic sources, which we would not have time or opportunity to gather for ourselves.

Miss Reith has also prepared programme outlines for use with *Toward a New Dawn in Japan.* In each programme outline is included a service of worship based on one of the Psalms to give help in maintaining the unity of the worship service and the Mission Study. These programme outlines are, of course, suggestive and should be adapted to local needs. It will always be necessary to choose what will best suit your Auxiliary, whether it is small or large.

The number of Auxiliaries using the prepared theme is increasing each year. In 1949 approximately 1,500 copies were sold, while a few years ago the number was approximately 1,000. If your Auxiliary has used the former study books we are sure you will enjoy this one. If you have not used this programme material we hope you will try it this year. You will then be sure of a continuity in the meetings and you will experience a feeling of fellowship with all the other Auxiliaries.

It is assumed, of course, that from *The Glad Tidings* current information regarding the Society's work will be obtained and used as you see fit.

Correction—In the Auxiliaries page of the July-August issue of the *Glad Tidings* an error was made in the answer to question number 6 "How are allocations sent out". The correct answer should be "They are sent out by the Presbyterial Treasurer or Finance Committee to each individual Auxiliary. (Mission Bands, Explorers, C.G.I.T. groups are not allocated.)"

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

VISUAL Education is not something new or modern. Since the dawn of civilization when primitive man first scratched his thoughts upon the walls of a cave, men have been using pictures to illustrate ideas.

There are many types of Visual Aids which may be used effectively. The wise leader will start her visual education with the simplest Aids such as pictures, blackboard illustrations, sand-tables, flannel-graphs, slides and filmstrips before attempting the use of intricate and costly moving picture equipment.

Unfortunately many Church leaders are using Visual Aids incorrectly particularly in Mission Study and Sunday School work. Slides and films are often booked at the last minute without any thought as to how they will fit into the programme, or whether or not they are suited to the age level of the audience. It must be remembered that Visual Aids were NOT devised merely for entertainment and should never be used solely for that purpose. Visual Aids must be used *along with* stories, lectures, etc. if they are to serve the purpose for which they were created.

Before selecting slides or films a careful survey of all available materials should be made. Then prepare the programme well in advance and choose materials best suited for the purpose. If slides are being used, arrange them in proper sequence and preview before using. A picture projected upside-down on a screen can ruin an otherwise excellent programme.

Slides and films may be used in a variety of ways:

(1) *As an Aid to Worship*—When the proper slides and films—particularly those in colour—are used along with carefully selected hymns, scripture reading, prayer and music a deep and moving period of worship is the result.

(2) *As an Aid to Missionary Education*—Films such as, ''Yesudas the Outcast'' or ''Touching the Untouchables'' vividly portray conditions among the outcasts and rural folk of India.

(3) *As an Aid to Bible Study*—A knowledge of Bible history and characters may be built up by the use of such films as the ''Life of St. Paul'' series, or the ''2,000 Years Ago'' series.

This fall, the Mission Study will be on Japan. Several slide sets and films are now being prepared which will give, not only valuable background information on Japanese religions and customs, but also, an insight into the work which our Church is carrying on in that land beyond the sea. Why not plan now to communicate with your Visual Aids department to see what slides and films are available? Perhaps you could use them in your Young Women's groups. Catalogues are sent free of charge upon request. Please address all communications to:

Visual Education Committee,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada,
Room 801, 100 Adelaide St. West,
Toronto, Ontario.

It has been said that, ''Visual Aids are God-given tools to aid the Church in its task of teaching and preaching the Word of God''. Only the best is good enough in His Service. Therefore choose your Aids wisely and carefully and they will play an important part in touching hearts and bringing them to a better knowledge and understanding of Christ and His teachings.

—*Betty Isbister.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

"HOW do you present Missions to your group?" This question was put to a group of leaders in a large Synodical and the lack of variety in the answers was astounding. With few exceptions leaders confined their mission study to six or seven meetings, usually in the late winter, leading up to the affiliation or re-affiliation service with the Women's Missionary Society. This method of presenting the current mission study is an admirable one and one which could meet with no criticism, but is this enough to really interest teen-age girls in missions?

Getting down to facts, one finds that we in the Girls' Department have usually four years—sometimes five—to arouse interest in the hearts of our girls in the national and overseas work of our Church. If this interest is aroused in teen-age groups we need have no fears for the future of our young women's, evening and senior auxiliaries. Is it not our responsibility then to arouse and stimulate this interest?

While we should continue to have a mission study project in the manner already mentioned, we should from time to time, bring to our groups facts and up-to-the-minute news about our work. Please bring up-to-date information! Nothing is so unacceptable as obsolete information and with such a wealth of material from which to choose, no leader need be without knowledge of the work of the Society. Our *Glad Tidings* and *The Presbyterian Record* are two sources of information and by reading them you will keep up-to-date on all that is going on in the work of our Church.

One might suggest that perhaps at every other meeting a "story" of one piece of our work might be told. For instance gather all the information that you can about St. Margaret's Centre, our home for girls. For another night you might find a fascinating story about the work being done among the Indians. Then for sheer thrill and excitement it would be hard to beat the stories of some of our workers in China, Formosa and India.

We all know that teen-agers like variety. Where else can you find variety to compare with the work being carried on at home and abroad by our Church? For some months past on the Young Women's page in *The Glad Tidings* the story of the work done by the Women's Missionary Society has been told briefly. May we suggest that you look through your back numbers and save this material to use with your group.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

THE boys and girls in the children's groups should have a very interesting and happy year as they enter the land *Where The Carp Banners Fly.* Does not the very title of the story book arouse the imagination? Where do the "carp banners fly?" Why and when do they fly? The answer to "Where" do they fly is Japan, for that is the land that all members of the Women's Missionary Society Family are going to think about during 1949-50; the answer to "why" and "when" do the carp banners fly you will find in the story book written by Grace W. McGavran whose stories from India and Africa and from *Far Round The World* the children of our groups have enjoyed in previous years. We prophesy that the boys and girls will enjoy this story from Japan equally well. What adventures they will have as they share in Japanese family life with Tetsu and Shoji and their relatives! With them they will visit on the farm and learn the "old" ways from the boys' grandparents; with them they will return to town where Tetsu's father is a "modern and forward-looking school teacher", there they will share in the home experiences; they will learn of the old religions and of the wonder felt by the Japanese people when gifts to help them in their need came from strangers in America and other lands; they will observe the difference Christianity as practised by a Japanese Christian pastor and Japanese Christian families can make; they will hear Tetsu's father say, "We shall search further into the faith of the Christians. What we have found so far is good."

In brief as the boys and girls of the children's groups share life with the boys and girls of Japan they will come to appreciate their Japanese brothers and sisters more and more and realize with new gladness that in Christ there is "no East or West" and that the Heavenly Father loves equally His children everywhere.

In addition to the story book the packet will contain mimeographed suggestions as to ways of presenting the material, projects, hymns and Bible verses for worship, prepared by Miss Lily M. Macarthur.

Leaders will find it to their advantage to read all they can about Japan. Helpful books are mentioned each month on the Literature Page and are listed on the inside of the back cover of this magazine. The more the leader knows about Japan and the Church's work there the better will she be able to lead the children intelligently into the land *Where The Carp Banners Fly.*

—*Louise A. Reith.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial—Mount Lehman Senior Auxiliary held their monthly tea at the home of Mrs. Angus Ryder. The singing of hymns was enjoyed by all present.

The C.G.I.T. groups in St. Aidan's Church, New Westminster, under the leadership of Mrs. M. Fox and Miss Rosemary Ellis, closed their season's activities with a Mother and Daughter Banquet on June 24th. Of special interest was the candle-lighting service of affiliation conducted by Mrs. W. T. Beattie and Mrs. W. H. Magee. Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, was the guest speaker. She chose as her topic ''Each in her place''.

The Prince Rupert Senior Auxiliary held the last meeting of the season on June 26th. Prior to closing, a very successful tea was held. It is reported that this Auxiliary sent 250 pounds of used clothing for relief. Buchanan Affiliated Auxiliary reports a successful well-attended tea held in the Church Hall in June.

The Senior Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Church had as guest speaker Mrs. Ian Balmer, who had been camp nurse at Camp Robert, who gave her impressions of her ten days there. Her talk gave a word picture of the 10½ acres which comprises the camp, its physical aspect, the work done there, and the possibilities for the future of the camp.

In June a number of friends gathered to enjoy the graduating exercises of the Chinese kindergarten. Through the kindness of Mrs. W. G. Gourlie and Mrs. John Con, the graduating class was taken in May to visit a sheep farm. The programme therefore, presented many sidelights on farm life especially in regard to the animals, their housing and the growth of their food. The shearing, spinning and weaving processes were described and samples of weaving done by the children were on display. Bible lessons on David the shepherd boy were demonstrated by children, on the flannel-board. Mrs. Maurice Clifford, Presbyterial President, presented certificates to the 14 children, dressed in colourful hoods, caps and gowns. The valedictory address was given by Wallace Wong (not quite six years old) and the class repeated the 23rd Psalm.

At the June meeting of Robertson Senior Auxiliary, Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, was guest speaker. She told of her duties and hopes for the extension of work in the province of British Columbia.

Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, a member of the Presbyterial Executive, was guest speaker at St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary, North Vancouver. Her topic included various phases of social service work. A short service was held in memory of the late Major Jessie A. Morrice, R.N., a former president, whose help and inspiration will be greatly missed. We regret to record also, the passing of a faithful member Mrs. Ben Evans, a charter member of the Auxiliary. For the past number of years failing health prevented her being present in person, but her thoughts were ever with us and our activities. The Auxiliary deeply mourns the loss of these two members.

The Jessie Morrice Evening Auxiliary

of St. Stephen's Church, North Vancouver, had as guest speaker Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, who, by request, spoke on Children's Work and girls' groups in The Presbyterian Church.

ALBERTA

Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Box 68,
Banff, Press Secretary

EDMONTON Presbyterial — St Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton, recently entertained more than thirty Home Helpers and their young children. During the war and up until the last few months, this department of our Auxiliary was almost extinct. However, two of the members of our group got in touch with the Cradle Roll Secretary, who was also re-organizing her department. They visited homes where babies and young children prevented mothers from attending regular church meetings. The interest shown in these women by our organization—we now entertain them twice a year—has resulted in our Home Helpers Department being the largest in the city.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

CHATHAM Presbyterial—The affiliating of the C.G.I.T. with the Women's Missionary Society was a special event at the July meeting of Duart Auxiliary. In speaking of the world-wide work of our Society and its needs, Mrs. R. F. Goodbrand, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, said, ''Not all can go but all can help by their gifts and their prayers.''

At the Home Helpers meeting of Wallaceburg Senior Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. S. Smith, the guest speaker, Captain T. Kerry of the Salvation Army, using as her subject ''Hands'', showed the effective work done in Biblical times by strong and skilful hands. ''Hands are to be used in the Master's service, but also in those days there were slack hands.'' She warned her hearers of this danger, concluding with, ''Put your hand in the Father's hand and Go.''

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Mrs. C. W. McDonald, 3983 Bloor St.,
R.R. 2, Islington, Press Secretary

BARRIE Presbyterial—Mrs. Andrew Goodchild opened her home at Craigleth for the June meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of First Church, Collingwood. An interesting feature was the display of baby clothes gathered for the bale. Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair was guest speaker.

Kingston Presbyterial—The summer Presbyterial rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, June 21st. At the Executive meeting two recommendations were made and later approved by the Presbyterial: that the next annual meeting be held in Trenton on January 16th, and that the next summer rally be held in June at Amherst Island. At the afternoon session Mrs. D. C. Fleming explained the meaning of the word ''rally'' ''to recover''. We are to lift our eyes upward and together pray for that refreshment of spirit so necessary to continue the work of our Society. Mrs. C. Fargey, Stirling, was introduced as the new Corresponding Secretary. An encouraging report was given by the treasurer, Miss Mary Nesbitt. The Moderator, Reverend W. H. V. Walker brought greetings from Presbytery and advised all to work at top speed with the central theme ''Evangelism''.

Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Supply Secretary

on Council Executive, summed up the excellent work of the deaconesses, the Ukrainian Church, the Hungarian Church, the Chinese, Italian and French Churches in Canada. Greetings were brought from Manitoba Synodical by Miss Jessie Redmond, Corresponding Secretary.

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., Gananoque, has presented a silver memorial trophy to the Leeds County C.G.I.T. Camp at Grippen Lake in memory of one of its members, Donna McLennan. The trophy is to be left permanently at this camp for competition in athletics, and a smaller trophy is to be presented to each individual winner. A ''Chinese Log'' and prizes were presented at an informal tea by the C.G.I.T. girls with a display of Chinese articles.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. J. R. HILL, 250 COOPER STREET,
OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

THE autumn meeting of the Executive of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society will be held in Montreal on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18th and 19th. Business sessions will convene on Tuesday afternoon, followed by an open meeting in the evening. Business sessions will be continued on the following day.

Glengarry Presbyterial — A joint meeting of the Senior Auxiliaries and the Young Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, was held at the Manse, Lancaster, in July. Miss Mary Whale, Editor of *The Glad Tidings*, and Mrs. Louis de Groot, who were giving leadership at the Peace Memorial Camp, were guest speakers and were introduced by Mr. Sharkey. The meeting was opened by Mrs. D. McNicol, president of Glen Gordon Auxiliary. Miss Whale gave an address and stressed the importance of *Glad Tidings* in every home. Mrs. de Groot, who left for Formosa late in August, gave a most interesting talk and a vivid picture of Formosa and its inhabitants.

Montreal Presbyterial — At the Life Membership Day meeting of Knox Crescent Kensington Auxiliary held June 8th, Mrs. A. M. Hill was the special speaker taking as her topic ''Christian Voices in China''. Miss Emily Fraser gave a short report of the recent Montreal Presbyterial Executive meeting. Honorary Memberships were presented to two of the Auxiliary's honorary presidents, Mrs. I. A. Montgomery and Miss A. M. Colquhoun, and to the library secretary, Mrs. A. L. C. Gilday.

Ottawa Presbyterial — Early in the summer children's work leaders in the Presbyterial had the privilege of meeting with Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary. Mrs. W. M. Fuller, Presbyterial Children's Secretary, entertained the Mission Band leaders at an afternoon meeting. Miss Macarthur gave these leaders a brief outline of next year's study on Japan, and spoke also of this year's work on China. She urged leaders to make use of all material at hand, plasticine, cardboard, etc., in portraying the life and characteristics of these countries. In the evening leaders of Explorer Groups met with Miss Macarthur to discuss the methods and purposes of that programme. Miss Macarthur spoke of the opportunities for truly Christian education and living at summer camps. An interesting aftermath of this discussion was that two of the young leaders present, Miss Nancy Hedderwick and Miss Margery Fraser, gave leadership at the children's and girls' camp at the Peace Memorial Camp, Lake St. Francis.

Treasurer's Statement

July and August, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	$9,854.89
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	8,308.00
Beechwood Auxiliary, "Miss McConnell's Work"	28.00
A Friend	100.00
Miss Henderson, Toronto, "Happy Childhood Magazine"	25.00
Chinese Bible Vacation School, Montreal	3.65
Room rent from workers	64.00
Life Membership pins	3.38
Income Tax	1.40
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	300.00
British Columbia, Supplies	284.00
Alberta	600.00
Alberta, Supplies	231.00
Saskatchewan	950.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	136.90
Manitoba	488.48
Manitoba, Supplies	49.00
Hamilton and London	5,200.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	857.65
Toronto and Kingston	3,375.30
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	850.09
Montreal and Ottawa	1,030.00
	$32,740.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 333.32
Birtle, Government Grant	4,441.98
Cecilia Jeffrey	316.62
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,764.62
Chinese in Canada	1,902.89
Deaconesses	2,700.20
St. Margaret's Centre	580.75
Children's Centres	859.78
Port Work	244.72
Organization	1,517.16
Supplies	920.73
Exchange	19.88
Publications	1,203.54
Administration	2,658.64
Deputation	8.05
Insurance and Taxes	75.45
India: Bhil Field	570.76
China (Special Gift)	1,000.00
British Guiana	183.32
Formosa	450.00
Missionaries' Expenses, travel, medical, outfit, allowance	2,906.15
British Columbia Synodical money returned	30.25
Missionaries' Personal Account	345.20
Miss K. Sun, travelling expenses	600.00
Hospitalization rates	27.30
	$27,661.31

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
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Estate of Mrs. Hodgson through Knox Church Auxiliary, Guelph	1,746.51
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The Council in Retrospect

THINKING of the Council Meeting held in Grace Church, Calgary, September 26th to September 30th one remembers at once the gracious hospitality extended at every opportunity and the careful attention to detail which resulted in sessions that ran along smoothly and with telling effect. Then too the joy of the large attendance at all the meetings as the delegates from East and West met and mingled together as friends and the number of those who attended who were not delegates but who ‘‘could not miss this meeting’’ the first opportunity of its kind in many years.

Reverend Frank S. Morley, B.D., Ph.D., minister of Grace Church conducted the devotional period each morning and none can forget those times of reverent waiting upon God in prayer that the Holy Spirit might guide us as we entered upon the day’s duties and responsibilities.

The celebration of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Society was presented by the members of the Young Women’s and Evening Auxiliaries of Calgary who in a pageant written and directed by Mrs. C. E. Jamieson brought vividly before us outstanding happenings throughout the years. We watched that first group of women in ‘‘Lower Canada’’ coming together in Montreal to find how best they might help to meet pressing cases of need especially among the French people. Then a group in ‘‘Upper Canada’’ meeting in much the same manner; then the reaching out of both groups to the fields Overseas; finally a coming together of these strong and vigorous societies making one society as we know it to-day, the Women’s Missionary Society, W.D.—a Society with Auxiliaries, Girls’ Groups and Mission Bands across Canada from Quebec to British Columbia always advancing, always ready to meet each need as it came to them. Then came difficulty and trouble which threatened its very existence but with determination and purpose and a strong faith in the God who had led them ‘‘hitherto’’ they gathered together the shattered remnants and went bravely on, until we found that *OUR* day had come and *WE* were the Society of 1949. Who can describe those moments of realization as their full implication beat in upon us. ‘‘Ours’’ was the heritage of 85 years. What were we doing with it? What did it really mean to us?

From Miss Laura K. Pelton and Reverend J. Alan Munro we learned of what is being done in the Overseas and Home fields. The scope of the work, its possibilities and its responsibilities left us almost breathless—so much that the Church could do if we had the young men and women who would ''go for us'' and the means to equip and maintain them at their appointed posts. Beyond doubt God has called us to live in a GREAT day. The world is at the crossroads and the Church of Jesus Christ must ''lift Him up from the earth that He may draw all men unto Him''.

When the Estimates for the coming year were presented it was at once pointed out that no provision had been made for ''Advance''. Somehow this did not fit into the picture so clear before our minds. There was just one thing to do and that was unanimously done. A new Estimate, $20,000 ahead of the first one was named and accepted: that is $200,000 including $10,000 for Advance Overseas.

Of course it is a big task to which we have set our hands but could we do otherwise? Surely this was a historic meeting. Its membership included women whose names will shine brightly when the story of the years of the Church in Western Canada comes to be written. All are women of vision with a courage to be true to that vision. All are women of strong faith; women of prayer. All are ''builders'' and our cry

> ''We build with Thee, O great enduring worth,
> Until the heavenly Kingdom comes on earth.''

Maydee F. Pae.

World Day of Prayer 1950

February 24, 1950 is the date of the World Day of Prayer. The material for that service has been prepared. The writer of the major portion Miss Michi Kawai, founder of the famous Keisen Girls' School in Japan. Programmes for the service are 1 cent each and are obtainable from the W.M.S. Literature Departments of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada, their addresses respectively are: Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W. and Room 437, 299 Queen St. W., Toronto.

We Are A Church With A Mission

BY REVEREND FRANK S. MORLEY, B.D., PH.D. (EDIN.)

STANLEY JONES described the youth of the United States as the finest generation of young people that the country had ever seen. Perhaps never in the history of the world has a generation been stronger physically or better equipped mentally. Jones noted one tragic lack; they had ''no sense of mission.'' This disastrous vacuum was evident in Canada during the 'thirties'. Then for the years of the war the frustration vanished and life was filled with purpose. Young people had something to live for and if necessary to die for, because the tragedy of life is not dying. The tragedy is having nothing to die for. They were like that brilliant young clergyman in the World Council of Churches who was warned not to take a plane across the North Sea. His quick determination, ''I must take it; I am on a mission''. His plane was shot down, but no one can feel defeat in a death like that, for he was ''on a mission''.

As with individuals, so it is with a Church. As I meet the clergy, the deaconesses, the executives, and the members of the Presbyterian Church, I am impressed with this profound necessity for a sense of mission. They are too often powerless, lacking loyalty, dull of eye and depressed in heart, because they have no mission. The Holy Spirit has never whispered into their hearts, ''You have the only Gospel that can save mankind from destruction; you have the solving word for the world's problems''.

We have a mission to make all men know the sovereignty of God. We should tell them that the world is not out of the control of God, that behind the darkness and chaos of to-day He reigns and rules and judges. In the day of Paul people believed that they were either, as Tacitus taught, the creature of chance or, as Herodotus believed, the plaything of fate. Paul found in Christ the glorious good news that man was a child of God, that God had a plan for his life, for every life, and a plan for the world. So the grand doctrine of predestination gave new heart to the world, for it was an escape from both fatalism and chance. So men were saved by hope.

As H. G. Wells put it, ''There is a God-shaped blank at the heart of the world''. The United Nations has been debating whether at their meeting they will have ''sixty seconds for God'', when each man can meditate before his own conception of deity. Into this dark emptiness let us bring the radiant Christian Gospel of a God who loves us so that the very hairs of our head are numbered, who loves us as if He had none other to love.

So shall we fulfil our mission to save men. If most of us ministers were approached after the service by a man who wanted to be saved or who told us that he was converted, we would hand him over to a psychiatrist. Yet that is our mission. Looking around a church one may see only placid, quiet faces, but any minister must know the stark sorrow of many lives, people who are broken-hearted and afraid and lonely. Why is it that the most popular books are those on personality development, but that people feel defeated and insecure? Why are the courses on personality development so popular but people feel inadequate? Why do great men like Winant commit suicide unless there is a vast undercurrent of despair? Why would a man like John Jay Chapman thrust his arm into a fire so that it had to be amputated or Van Gogh cut off an ear, unless there were a vast disgust with life as they lived it? Said Rutherford, ''Blessed be he who heals us of our self-despisings''.

Men used to dream of a fabled fountain in which, whoever bathed, grew young and strong again. We have such a fountain. The Gospel of Christ can give you purity; the Gospel of Christ can give you peace; the Gospel of Christ can heal your sorrow; the Gospel of Christ can renew your vision and give you hope and faith.

As we come to this mountain top of vision we pass from individual salvation to the redemption of the world. We have a mission to create the Beloved Community. First of all we create it in the fellowship of the Church. Most people I know are lonely people. That was why the original name for the Church was, ''The Brotherhood''. The Church was meant to be a community in which all were ''blood brothers'' in the communion of the Cross, at that Table where their Lord had decreed, ''I have called you friends''. In that society there were no Russians or Canadians, there were no Communists or Capitalists, there were no privileged or underprivileged, for all were one in Christ Jesus. How hard it is to make Christians love one another, yet that is our work.

Yet there is more. We cannot remain in a little island, a monastery apart from mankind. We must carry Christian ideals into the market place and the political arena. Lloyd George once watching a Presbyterian Assembly left it saying, ''Those people are conserving something that needs to be conserved''. Truly they are! The great principles of the responsibility of every man to God, of freedom of conscience, of justice, of social righteousness, of tolerance for all followers of Christ, of the unity of the Catholic Church, and of the rights of the individual, were declared and defended by Presbyterians. None enunciated them so clearly or in such unity. Show me a society with democratic living and I will show you the foundations of the Presbyterian creed.

Face to face with a pagan world, with a world of unbelief, a world of despair, a world that has lost truth and beauty and goodness, let us declare that we have a Gospel that can save the world and THERE IS NO OTHER GOSPEL. That is our mission.

Prayer

O God, may Thy Holy Spirit recreate our lives until we become in every way the Body of Christ.

May we love the things of the spirit so that we shall become humble, meek, merciful, peaceable, pure, willing to be persecuted and to mourn, and hungering and thirsting after righteousness, that at the last we may reign with Christ.

May we care for little children as Christ did, remembering that He was born into this world a little child and blessed children, saying, ''Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven''.

Help us to join with Him in feeding the hungry, in welcoming strangers, in ministering to the sick, and in comforting the bereaved.

Give us Thy strength that we may overcome temptation as He did, that we may surmount the denial and betrayal of friends, the injustice and cruelty of enemies, and that we may carry our cross uncomplaining.

Grant us to die saying, ''Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit''. Grant us the vision of the resurrection that we may know for a certainty that it is impossible that we should be held in the bonds of death.

Give us the vision of the New Jerusalem, of the coming of Thy blessed Kingdom, when all wrong shall be abolished, a land without death or tears, without sin or cruelty, a world of perfect beauty and perfect truth, when all things shall be put under Christ and He shall reign forever and ever.

Even so come, Lord Jesus. In His dear name, Amen.

—Dr. F. S. Morley.

We shall do much in the years to come,
But what have we done to-day?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what have we given to-day?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear;
We shall plant hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak to-day?
These are just some of the little things
We can do every day.

THE COUNCIL MEETING

JUST prior to the first session of the 85th annual meeting of the Council of our Women's Missionary Society, the ladies of Grace Church, Calgary, entertained the delegates and the members of staff present for the meetings at a dinner in the dining room of Grace Church. There, the President, Mrs. Pae, welcomed the delegates and stressed the importance of each one being present at all sessions and of taking back to their home districts, the details of the business which would be transacted and the spirit in which the decisions of Council would be made. Guests of the Council were introduced: Mrs. C. P. Young and Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., both recently returned from their fields in India; Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess in British Columbia; the three regional secretaries: Miss Walker, Miss Read and Miss Grace Mackay; Miss Agnes Hislop; members of staff from Toronto: Miss Reith, Miss Macarthur, Miss Smith, Miss Grant and Miss Whale.

Dr. F. S. Morley in the opening session, welcomed the delegates to Grace Church and extended the courtesies of his church for the benefit of a happy, profitable meeting.

The Synodical Societies were represented by the following: *British Columbia*—Mrs. Robert Pollock, Mrs. M. Clifford, Mrs. R. S. Stevens, Vancouver; Mrs. J. W. Dow, Creston; Mrs. H. Whitaker, Armstrong; *Alberta*—Mrs. G. Metcalfe, Miss Molly Harback, Calgary; Mrs. H. Austin, Lethbridge; Mrs. M. McKenzie, Innisfail; Mrs. Rod Macdonald, Blueberry Mountain; *Saskatchewan*—Mrs. Wm. Kelly, Moose Jaw; Mrs. F. Talbot, Assiniboia; Mrs. A. F. MacSween, Melfort; Mrs. A. C. Marshall, Regina; Miss J. E. Walls, Saskatoon; *Manitoba*—Mrs. C. LeCocq, Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Fort William; Mrs. J. McLeod, Brandon; Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Mrs. G. A. Warrington, Winnipeg; *Hamilton and London*—Mrs. Donald Munro, Miss Annie J. Ritchie, Hamilton; Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest; Mrs. Robert Mowbray, Wingham; Mrs. N. W. Wilson, Ingersoll; Mrs. Noble Law, Dresden; Mrs. James Erskine, Monkton; *Toronto and Kingston*—Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Stouffville; Mrs. P. Ranson, Mrs. A. S. Curr, Toronto; Mrs. Harry Boyes, Pickering; Mrs. H. Mainprize, Acton; Mrs. E. J. Kerr, New Liskeard, Mrs. D. L. Fleming, Belleville; *Montreal and Ottawa*—Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Mrs. A. G. Cameron, Ottawa; Mrs. W. E. Baker, Westmount; Mrs. J. C. Ross, Iroquois; Mrs. R. M. McCleery, Montreal; Mrs. Robertson Millar, Martintown; Miss Mae Johnston, Perth.

Report of the Recording Secretary, 1948 - 1949

THE report of the Council Executive covering the period between the Council Meeting in 1948 and the present meeting is submitted for your approval.

Under the capable direction of the newly elected President, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, nineteen regular meetings were held in the Board Room at 10:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. In addition five special meetings were called, two for the reception of Annual Reports and three for the purpose of hearing Miss Pelton's report of her visit to our overseas fields. The average attendance for the year was 14. When free to do so Miss Whale, Miss Reith and Miss Macarthur sat with the Executive.

Emergency matters arising between meetings were dealt with by the Sub-Executive which has Board powers, and the action there taken reported at the following meeting of Council Executive. The Sub-Executive consists of the President, first Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer and the National and Overseas Executive Secretaries.

Each member of Council Executive is a member of one or more committees, such as National, Overseas, Finance, Organization, Camp, Candidates, St. Margaret's Girls' Centre, Literature, Editorial and President's, which in most instances meet monthly. All recommendations from these committees are presented to the Council Executive for acceptance or rejection. Members of the Council Executive represent the Women's Missionary Society on Boards and Committees of our own Church, such as the General Board of Missions, its Executive and Sub-Executives, the Joint Candidates Committee, the Joint Estimates Committee, the Missionary Education and Visual Education Committees, the Budget and Stewardship Committee, the Children's and Youth Committee of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and others. In co-operative work with other Churches the Society, through members of Council Executive, has representation on the Children's Work Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches, the National Canadian Girls in Training Committee, the Women's Inter-Church Council, the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Inter-Church Committee on Missionary Education, the Joint Medical Board, the Canadian School of Missions and the Canadian Committee on Church Relief Abroad.

The Columbus Assembly in October last was attended by Miss Frieda Matthews and four Vice-Presidents of Council Executive, Mrs.

Robert Pollock, Mrs. D. Munro, Mrs. Glenn Thompson and Mrs. Harcourt Emra. Mrs. W. S. Nairn represented a fifth Vice-President, Mrs. C. LeCocq. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae attended the Foreign Missions Conference in Buck Hill Falls and the Vellore Committee in New York. Miss Louise Reith attended the Conference of the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, held in New York. Council representation was present at the Annual Meetings of the Synodicals of Manitoba, Toronto and Kingston, Hamilton and London and Montreal and Ottawa, and at the Evening Department Conference in Montreal this spring. In addition several members addressed Presbyterial Annual Meetings, Sectional Meetings and Auxiliary Meetings.

During the year resignations were regretfully received from Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, Children's Work Secretary and Miss W. Munro, member without office. Mrs. Daniel Strachan, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society since 1932, found it necessary to withdraw from this important office which she had so capably filled. Neither time nor words can fully express the tribute which is her due. We are very happy that Mrs. Strachan is continuing as a member of Council Executive for her counsel will be of great help. This past year, too, the resignation of Mrs. Donald Sinclair, nee Helen Scott, as Young Women's Secretary was regretfully received. Appreciation of the services of these workers is recorded in the minutes and tributes have appeared in *The Glad Tidings.*

It is with regret and concern that we report that the position of Young Women's Secretary, now known as Youth Secretary, and that of Girls' Work Secretary reported vacant at the meeting of Council last year have not been filled.

The following new officers were appointed during the year:

Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer
Miss Helen M. Horne, Recording Secretary
Mrs. J. M. Burnett, Welcome and Welfare Secretary
Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Children's Work Secretary
Mrs. Harry Reid was welcomed as a member without office.

In January Miss Mary Whale took up her duties as Editor of *The Glad Tidings,* and also in January Miss Grace Mackay was appointed Regional Secretary in the Synodical of British Columbia.

By agreement with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies the Regional Secretaries are to be considered as Christian Education Secretaries connected with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies as well as the Women's Missionary Society, although they will remain in the full employ of our Society. In interdenominational youth work the arrangement provides for our Regional Secretaries to be the official secretaries and representatives of our Presbyterian Church on Provincial Boards. This policy concerning Regional Secretaries is similar to that worked out a year ago for our National Children's Work and Youth Secretaries which is proving very satisfactory. The National Girls' Work Secretary is employed jointly by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and our Society.

The Committee charged by Council with the completion of the By-laws and the preparation of the "Handbook for Officers" has discharged its task, and the Constitution and By-laws and the Handbook have been printed and distributed throughout the Society. New Literature, Home Helper and Welcome and Welfare Leaflets have been prepared.

In March Miss Pelton and Rev. J. A. Munro were welcomed back from their visitation to our overseas fields. A complete report of their findings have been prepared and is on file. The more intimate knowledge of our work which has been gained by the members of Council Executive following Miss Pelton's report can never be evaluated, nor can we measure the encouragement the visit of the deputation brought to our missionaries in far away and danger fraught places.

We would record the appreciation of Council Executive to all missionaries, field secretaries and office staff who gave so willingly and unreservedly of their time and strength in the interests of the work.

We have pleasure also in recording the appointment of the Rev. Leland S. Albright, D.D., as Director of the Canadian School of Missions succeeding the Rev. T. W. Isherwood.

The Council Executive desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of former valued officers who during the past year have been called to higher service. We call to mind in loving remembrance Mrs. Donald Gordon, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Mrs. N. H. McGillivray, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll and Mrs. John Williams.

With such fine examples of loving service to inspire us let us thank God for them, take courage and go forward in faith, seeking to strengthen the work in which we are now engaged and ready as the opportunity arises to enter new fields of endeavour.

—Helen M. Horne, Recording Secretary.

Many of our ladies had reason to appreciate Miss Nellie Smith's art of arranging transportation for the Calgary trip. In enjoying the cover of this issue you have the opportunity of appreciating another form of her art.

Finances

THE Treasurer's statement was given by the Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Pye, making her inaugural appearance before Council in her new office. Mrs. Pye expressed her personal regret that Mrs. Strachan was not able to present the 1948 report, the one which has made history as being one of the best in the history of our Women's Missionary Society. The Treasurer also expressed her appreciation of the support given her as she assumed her new office, by members of Council Executive, in particular, the members of the Finance Committee. Miss Nellie Smith, accountant for our Society was especially praised for the quality of her services and her loyalty to the Missionary Society. Mrs. Pye also expressed her appreciation to the Synodical treasurers for their co-operation.

After reading the auditor's statement, verifying the treasurer's statement, Mrs. Pye moved that Messrs. Henry Barber, Mapp and Mapp be again appointed auditors for the Society. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dutton who took the opportunity to congratulate the Society for the excellence of the financial report of 1948, and for their good fortune in finding one who has so ably taken up the arduous duties of Treasurer. Mrs. Inkster, speaking for the Society echoed the sentiments of Mr. Dutton. Mrs. Pye reminded the members of Council that Mrs. Strachan had shown in her 1948 statement (March *Glad Tidings*) a balance at the end of the year of $20,439.13. From this balance, there has been disbursed $13,225.00, part of which has been spent to provide two cars for the Bhil field and a grant to Vellore Medical College. The balance still on hand is $7,214.13.

Legacy Fund—The balance in this fund at the beginning of the year was $49,985.84. Receipts since that time have amounted to $25,943.99. Disbursements from the fund have amounted to $18,592.27. They include $6,000.00 to the building of the new Chinese Church in Montreal; $500.00 for Christian literature in Formosa; $55.00 to the American Bible Society, ''Bible for Ukraine''; $100.00 for Christian Literature in Argentina; $10,015.00 for the purchase of the Medicine Hat property; $227.87 for an accordion player for Miss Anderson's work; $44.40 for books for Miss Anderson's work; $50.00 for piano for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School; $1,000 towards building the church in Osaka, Japan; $450.00 for disk for Birtle Indian School; $150.00 for purchase of lots for Wasa Lake Camp in British Columbia. This leaves a balance of $57,337.56.

Pension Fund—$59,713.17 was the sum in the Pension Fund at the beginning of the year. The balance now on hand is $61,717.30. Six members of staff have been added to the pension scheme and four members have withdrawn.

Overseas Fund—The balance in this fund, January 1, was $9,156.04. Among the larger disbursals from this fund was a grant to the Korean Church of $1,000. The balance now is $7,548.32.

Special Fund—On January 1, there was $18,921.17. The outstanding disbursal from this fund was $2,000, the sum which cancelled the loan to the Italian Church in Montreal. The balance now is $18,793.81.

Supply Fund—On the first of January, the sum in this account was $4,899.44. This sum included $4,000 from an increased grant the Dominion Government paid to ease the stress caused by the increased cost of maintenance for the Indian schools. The receipts from the synodicals to date are $5,885.94, the disbursements: $7,466.24. The balance now on hand is $3,324.14.

Synodical Givings—The givings from the synodicals up to the time of the Council meetings amounted to $68,826.23. This amount is 40% of the total allocation for 1949. The significance of this percentage can be seen when we consider that up to August 31 of this year, the expenditures on the estimates were $105,989.52.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund

Capital Account—The sum which was in this account January 1, $40,036.49, remains the same.

Income Account—On January 1, 1949, the sum of $1,288.31 was in this account. From it has been spent $1,045 on the education of native students; $316.70 for the training of overseas and national missionaries and for a grant to a student at the Ontario Agricultural College. Gifts to the fund, interest and a refund from a former staff member total $1,831.36. The present balance is $1,757.97.

Estimates

The estimates for 1950 were presented by Mrs. G. R. Pye after she made a brief explanation of the steps taken in placing the estimated costs upon paper. Each committee decides the sum necessary to carry on the work of the committee. All the estimates are totalled and the Finance Committee looks at the whole picture then considers each department's needs.

The estimates as presented by Mrs. Pye called for an expenditure in 1950 of $180,000. In view of the need expressed by Miss Pelton for advance in overseas fields, the Council unanimously voted to accept an amount $20,000 more than the original estimate. Representatives from all parts of our Society expressed their approval. Thus the final estimate for 1950 is $200,000.

Two *Recommendations* from the Finance Committee were passed by the Council:

1. That the Sustaining Fund be closed out and that $20,000 be transferred to the Pension Fund and the balance to the Special Fund.

2. A statement clarifying the meaning of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund: *Advanced training* means: Special advanced training for young men already qualified to serve as ministers or missionaries of our Church but requiring further preparation for some branch of missionary work at home or abroad, the names to be recommended by Presbyteries.

Five Members of 1950 Executive

Front—Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. Pae
Back—Miss H. Horne, Mrs. Pye, Mrs. Metcalfe

Overseas Work

A Statement by the Convener, Mrs. A. W. Pae

HAVING travelled with Miss Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, from one of our Overseas fields to another, as she brought to us through her pictures intimate glimpses of our missionaries, the people among whom they work, the houses in which they live, the different means by which they move about and the country through which they must find their way, often under difficult conditions, we have in our minds a much better picture of what is actually being done.

As an Executive we are only beginning to realize the value of Miss Pelton's experiences. She brings to her department an ability to judge and evaluate, and to help us to understand the many difficult problems which confront us so often, as an overseas committee especially, and then as Council Executive who must decide finally what is to be done in each particular case. It may be of interest to you to know that all matters concerning this overseas work—minutes of the different Mission Councils—come through the Executive Secretary to the overseas committee. In this committee each detail is fully discussed in the light of the fullest information available, then the recommendations of the committee go to the Council Executive for final decision. Only after Council Executive agrees does the Secretary communicate with the Secretary of Council on the field, this means, all questions of expenditure which must be kept within the estimate set. The requests for missionaries and their necessary qualifications; decisions as to buildings and equipment for each field; furloughs, medical care, travel arrangements and many other items, how many only a member of such a committee can imagine. The Secretary does not work alone nor does she bear the full responsibility of this department. It is the committee and then Council Executive—all together working and planning that the work 'entrusted' to us may best be done.

Mrs. C. P. Young

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N.

Miss Laura K. Pelton—A General Impression of Presbyterian Missions Overseas

Miss Pelton conveyed this impression in two ways during the Council meetings. On the first evening she took us on the trip through the Orient, by means of coloured slides. We were thus given a visual conception of the area in which our missionaries serve as well as a word picture.

Miss Pelton in stating that she would give only a general impression of the overseas missions said that she hoped that from her picture, we could see what may be the future of the Church overseas and what strategy may fit into the work. ''There have been cataclysmic changes in the Orient. In China, millions have been rooted from their homes. They are going into places and circumstances which they do not understand. Things upon which they learned to depend, are gone. One is confronted with stark, naked, overwhelming need. First there is the need for enough food that they may go to bed for once feeling a degree of comfort. These people throng through the cities unheeded, unclothed, teaching their children to be beggars. The need is seen in such mass, with such unconcern by those who 'pass by on the other side'. The other need is the need of those who have lived always in darkness. Here in Canada, we are so dangerously comfortable that we spend hours and days puttering over things that matter little, while the world of the East is longing for the knowledge of Jesus Christ. They are reaching out for one wisp of light. The need haunts one. Let us never fuss over the trivialities of the job and forget the purpose for which we are working.''

''In the midst of all the need, the Church of Jesus Christ is a reality. It exists because down through the years there has been a minority of people who knew God sufficiently to trust in His love and they felt they must pass that knowledge on. The Church out there shines as a beam of light. It is no accident that in the great economy of God, it has been ordained that His Church exists in practically every area of the occupied world. The contributions of our Church, the efforts we have made have not been perfect. The weaknesses and the frailties have been of ourselves. If only that Church which in 1925 fought to preserve herself, had risen to her glory in every field! There is, however, much of which we may be proud. Our missionaries are earnest and sincere. The work among the Koreans during the years 1927-1941 had engendered enough power to maintain a Church through the war years. It is a decimated Church but even in that position, the people can recognize in one another, a very real Christianity. The people of our Church there have striven to maintain their visibility and now are working to attain their former power. We have sent Dr. Luther and Mrs. Young and Rev. Paul and Mrs. Rumball at the earnest request of the Koreans who want help to rebuild their Church.''

''In Yunnan, we are working in co-operation with the Church of Christ in China. We have had 5 missionaries there. Never have I been more convinced of the Presence of the Spirit of God as in the work of the Yunnan mission. In the years they have been there, they have witnessed to God's redemptive love in Christ until here and there throughout the province, there are Church groups. It would be hard to find one place on God's earth where His Spirit is shown with greater evidence.

''There is in Taiwan a Church in every respect like our own. Through the years, 10,000 tribal people have been taught Christianity. They have built 23 churches.''

''In India, we have a Church among simple illiterate people. They are facing in their own way the issues of the Church. One pastor said: 'I wish I could make you understand what a difference it makes to be a Christian'. In this country, the Church is experiencing great difficulty in cutting through superstition and fear to bring people to the Christian faith. In what has been accomplished so far, our Church has done its part.''

Miss Pelton stated what she believed to be the characteristics of the Church abroad and its needs. ''The Church in these countries is immature. We need to send missionaries and be sure before they go that they are men and women who have a triumphant, indomitable faith in Jesus Christ. Things can bear in upon your faith in those lands. We need missionaries who have a mature interpretation of Christianity. There is much anti-Christian literature in India and China. We need to be awake to the need for Christian literature. We need to have some concern for the economic plight of the people in the Orient and take some steps to bring help to those who are hungry most of the time. In some places overseas the Church is showing examples of epic heroism. Such examples are seen in those missionaries who are sacrificing personal safety and desires to stay on the job. Another characteristic of the Church abroad is its need to be ministered to by its own people. We must help to educate such people that they can take their own faith and training back home. The people of the East are an illiterate people. If they are going to read the Scriptures they must first be taught to read.''

"If we are to continue to support missions abroad, we must be prepared to take risks. We are called upon to make known to our missionaries that we are standing by them in their hour of uncertainty and possible danger. We need to have a new quality of prayer. To have that quality, we need a lot more knowledge that we may ask God to intercede where He has a plan. We shall need, in future years, to have a generosity surpassing anything we have ever experienced in th passing years".

Statement to General Council Meeting, Women's Missionary Society, Presbyterian Church in Canada, on Jobat, India, by Miss L. K. Pelton

MANY of our members have known that a situation of tension has existed in our hospital at Jobat, India. At the time of the delegation's assignment to visit the overseas fields they were instructed by the Executive of The General Board of Missions to investigate the trouble and report to the General Board of Missions upon their return to Toronto. This has been done.

I know that the members of Council will readily understand that I am not free to give to this meeting the formal report that was given to the Board of Missions and I am sure that you will agree no useful purpose would be served by my going into a detailed account of our investigation.

However the Council is entitled to a statement on the matter. What I am about to say therefore is not an official report of the delegation but is a statement from your secretary as a member of the delegation.

At the end of April, 1948, our two nurses, Miss Bessie MacMurchy and Miss Lily Simpson withdrew from the hospital. Miss Isabel McConnell at that time was home on furlough but intimated to her board that she would not return to Jobat hospital so long as Dr. Quinn was there. With the withdrawal of our staff the Council Executive also discontinued its financial support of the hospital. From June 1948 up to the present the General Board of Missions has carried the full support of the hospital and Dr. Quinn remained at his post up to a few weeks ago.

While at Jobat we found the hospital running at full capacity with Miss Mary Nichol, missionary nurse of the Eastern Division, temporarily on the staff between language study terms. She had not received an appointment to the hospital by the Mission Council. She had been permitted to serve temporarily.

The school of nursing was not operating at the time of our visit nor is it yet. The nurses' home had been closed by our Executive on the advice of the Mission Council. It was the only property connected with the hospital and owned by our society which was closed. All other hospital facilities were at the disposal of the doctor and any statement to the contrary is incorrect.

After a thorough investigation which included several sessions with the Mission Council, statements from the doctor, Miss MacMurchy, Miss Simpson and conferences with officials of Vellore Christian Medical College Hospital and two other hospitals on the matter of hospital administration and staff relationships we became convinced that the breach could not be healed and that it was unwise and unfeasible for our nurses and Dr. Quinn to work together in the hospital or, for that matter, in the same medical unit.

First of all I want to state emphatically that not even remotely either in the case of the doctor or the nurses was the slightest question of character involved. In that regard all were above reproach. It was entirely a matter of staff relationships—tension between the doctor and the nurses and later between the doctor and the Mission Council with the doctor having removed himself from all fellowship with the Council. Not unnaturally the matter had become common knowledge among the Indian people and among the best of them a matter of genuine concern.

In our opinion there were two basic causes of the difficulty.

First: The boards at home had failed to set up any satisfactory or clear policy in the matter of hospital administration and staff relationships, or medical work in general on the Bhil field.

Second: In conference with Dr. Quinn it became clear to your secretary that the doctor disapproved in principle of the Women's Missionary Society, and that in consequence he resented the presence of our nurses in the hospital, and the fact of our society having any share whatsoever in the work of the hospital. Further it was clear to me that because of his attitude in this matter he was not favourable to any appointee of our board having anything to do in the medical work anywhere on the Bhil field.

The delegation presented its recommendations for the hospital and general medical work on the Bhil field to the General Board of Missions at its meeting last March. The Board gave its utmost to the consideration of the whole problem and to the recommendations which we believed and still believe offered the best solution to the difficulty. However there were aspects of the recommendations which troubled the Board so they finally accepted instead an amendment made by one of the members which it was hoped would clarify the situation in the field but which in my opinion does not afford a final solution.

The order of the amendment has not yet been fully completed and the difficulty is not yet resolved. There the matter stands. But it is in the hands of the General Board of Missions and I do wish to impress upon this Council that in my opinion the General Board of Missions will do everything in its power to bring the issue to a satisfactory conclusion.

Prospects in Overseas Fields

THERE are things that we should be planning to do right away on our overseas fields. We could set ourselves an objective for which to work and think of our prospects as a three year plan. Miss Pelton, with this introduction launched into the plan which was her dream and which before the Council was over, became the plan of those representing the Society at Council. Within three years we should send out seven (7) new missionaries. Three should go to India, two to Japan, and two to Taiwan. The people who go to work among the Koreans in Japan, should be trained to do work similar to a regional secretary's work here. They must be able to organize and to adapt themselves easily to changing conditions. They must be able to love the people as they are. For Taiwan we need a teacher with university training, a certificate from the College of Education and qualified to teach Household Science. We may not be able to get missionaries in to Taiwan and once they are in, there is no guarantee that they could stay a full term. We must be prepared to take such risks and be able to say to the people of Taiwan: 'We are with you'. To India we should be prepared to send a doctor, a nurse trained in public health and one specially skilled person. In addition to sending our own people we should plan to educate native people from India, China and Japan. There is need for a hospital unit to travel among the thousands of people who can not and are not being served by any hospital service. There is need for educational equipment: screens, projectors and sound equipment and people to operate them. ''This is what we ought to do if we can'', said Miss Pelton. ''If we want to live Christian lives on the frontiers of humanity's need. If we want to get into the struggle with the heroic people abroad and identify ourselves with the sacrifice being made for Christ, then we will pour our material resources into coffers here they will be used after prayer and deep consideration, where it will do the most good''.

National Work

WEDNESDAY afternoon was set aside for discussion of our national work. Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank in introducing the work of this department made the following statement.

"As we look at our National Work we note that changes are continually taking place. Areas which were formerly entered only by the Church through its mission organizations and personnel are now in many communities taken over by the local municipalities, or by various departments of Provincial or Dominion governments. More schools have been built, making unnecessary the building of school homes by missionary societies. Nursing outposts have been established in many of the isolated districts. The frontiers have been pushed farther back, mission charges have become self-supporting, and the Church has grown and developed."

"All of this means that in our National Work we must be continually on the alert for changes, ever watchful for new opportunities."

"One of the interesting phases of our work in Canada is that which we are seeking to do amongst our first Canadians—the Indian people. We think with pride of the beginnings of this work—of the intrepid little Miss Lucy Baker who travelled across the prairies to Prince Albert to teach the Indian children. Again many changes have taken place since that day in 1866 when Lucy Baker gathered a few Indian children about her in a little log school."

"Residential schools erected by the Department of Indian Affairs have been built near reserves all across Canada. Two of these schools are under our Society. We are very glad this afternoon to welcome to our Council meetings the Principals of these schools—Mr. Martin Rusaw, Principal of Birtle School, and Mr. T. C. Ross, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora. Mr. Rusaw, who has been Principal of Birtle School for four years, has done a wonderful task. In every department of the School we know that marked improvement has taken place. This is due to the careful oversight and the earnest endeavour of Mr. Rusaw and of Mrs. Rusaw, who as Matron of the School has been faithful and tireless in her efforts."

"Mr. Ross became Principal of Kenora a little over a year ago. Although neither Mr. Ross nor Mrs. Ross had had any previous experience in Indian schools, they have carried out their duties most acceptably. They too have made a study of ways and means of improving the school. Already some of the improvements have been made and we know that more changes are being planned."

Mr. N. M. Rusaw. Mr. Rusaw, principal of Birtle Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba, told in some detail, the physical aspects of the school which serves children from Mistawasis, Birdtale, Griswold, Waywayseecappo, Rolling River and Okanais Reserves. The children are of Cree, Sioux and Ojibway descent. They are housed in a large red brick building, built in 1931-32. There are four dormitories, three classrooms, playrooms, wash rooms and dining rooms. The staff lives at the school and occupy twelve staff rooms. There are 142 children registered now and five or six more have sought entrance. The capacity of the school will soon be reached. The courses offered in the elementary school classes are the same as those given in the state schools. Manual Training and Household Science are featured for the Indian children are very skilful with handwork and they are fond of making things with hammer and nails or with their needles. Nine children from the school walk a mile into Birtle each day to attend high school classes there. The training of the children in Religious Education is done through Sunday School classes and Chapel services, conducted every other Sunday by Reverend Mr. Marnock of Elphinstone. The high school students are responsible for teaching younger groups in the Sunday School and the boys are being trained to superintend the School.

Mr. Rusaw spoke of the farm at Birtle which produces enough to feed the staff and students their meat and vegetables. 880 is the acreage of the farm and on it are maintained 80 head of cattle, 40 hogs and 10 horses besides several hundred chickens.

The Principal of the Birtle school sees his task as a two-fold one. Not only must he educate the Indian children but he must educate the white people to accept them into their world. The Indians are well trained but they cannot make progress until they have some encouragement to take their place in Canadian life.

Mr. T. C. Ross. Mr. Ross is principal of the Cecilia Jeffery Residential School at Kenora, Ontario. He spoke of the gratitude the Indian people have toward the Society for their part in providing a school for their children. He spoke also of the co-operation which was given to him by the Indian agent in Kenora. The school at Kenora was built to accommodate 135 students. This year there are registered, 153. The numbers are constantly increasing. This year, eight students from the school are in attendance at Kenora High School, one is in grade 11, two are in grade 10 and five are in grade 9. Mr. Ross stated that the task of the staff of his school was to link the services available from the Women's Missionary Society and those available from the government, that the children might be taught the Christian way of life in clean comfortable living conditions. Christian teaching is given to the students through daily Chapel services the Church School and by the minister at Kenora who is with them each Sunday. Mr. Ross feels that definite progress is being made by the Indian people. The younger generation is looking toward life off the reserves and again it is the responsibility of the white people to give them a place in the particular fields in which they are trained to serve. In Kenora, at the present time, the Indian young people are taking part in the various activities of the Church there. Mr. Ross hopes that this may continue and that gradually social barriers may be broken down by actions of both Indians and white people.

Reverend J. A. Munro. Mr. Munro spoke on the National Day programme in his capacity of Superintendent of Western Missions. Our Church, he said, has taken too few of the opportunities offered by the government in the service to the Indian people. With only three ordained ministers working among them, the proper follow-up of the work of the residential schools is not being carried on. There is great need, not only for more men but for women to study the Indian work and take part in the great task that is there to do.

The Church on the March in Western Canada

REVEREND J. Alan Munro, B.A., M.C., newly appointed Associate Secretary of the Board of Missions, spoke on this theme as a feature of Thursday evening's programme. At the outset of his address, he thanked the Women's Missionary Society for their part in aiding him as Superintendent of Western Missions. He spoke of the efficiency of Miss Isabel Scott who during his absence from his headquarters in Saskatoon, carries many of the burdens of his office.

''Many,'' Mr. Munro said, ''have a prejudice against missions. Those people should ask themselves the meaning of Christianity and Church membership. We are proud that we are a democratic Church that we have a 'say' in the things that are done. Yet, if we have accepted the duties of a Christian citizen, if we own Jesus as Lord and Master, we must heed His command: 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' We have no say in carrying out that command. It is our duty. We have inherited the results of great sacrifice by our ancestors. We have the cities and towns, the nation itself, built by Christian men and women. There are many discouraging places in our

Church in the West, but battles are not won by great advances, they are won step by step.'' Mr. Munro mentioned some of the encouraging facts in the west. In St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, a young people's class averages 90% attendance at Sunday School each Sunday afternoon. In Port Arthur, where one of the great statesmen of the Church pioneered, there is a fine new church built since 1925. Geraldton which started as a mission where men might go from the mines to dry their clothes, is now a self-supporting church. Manitoba, which in the 30's was stripped of its ministry and its buildings, has Presbyterian services in more and more of her smaller centres. Saskatchewan, where the charges, three years ago were largely student missions is still needing more and more workers to supply the growing demand of those who realize that our Church has a message for the world. Mr. Munro spoke of the work done by Mrs. Rod MacDonald and a handful of women in the Peace River country. Here through means of radio as well as with ministers, the Presbyterian Church is taking its place. We are on the march. We cannot go as quickly as we would like, but we are bearing a witness.

''What other Church has as straightforward a creed and manner of declaring the Gospel. If we are going to keep faith, we must give our sons to the ministry and our funds to the growth of the Christian Church. We must say as men, women and children that we are going on together to ''glorify God and enjoy Him forever.''

Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Secretary for National Missions, stressed the historic significance of the work of deaconesses as she introduced four workers on our national field and as she described the many phases of our deaconess work in Canada. She recalled the reference to Phoebe (Romans 16: 1 and 2). She is described there as: ''The helper of many'' . . .

It is in just those terms that we would think of our deaconesses serving in many places in our Church throughout Canada today. ''Helpers of many''. We think of our deaconesses and of the varied work which they are doing at the present time—serving in mining communities, in new housing areas

Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions Executive Secretary in some of our larger cities, among the newcomers to our land, visiting the sick in hospital, organizing new groups, giving encouragement to groups that have few members and who wonder if it is worth while carrying on; assisting in leadership training classes, helping to establish New Sunday Schools—everywhere giving freely and faithfully of their time and energy.

Miss Marjorie MacKay has been on our National staff for ten years. She has taught in Birtle Indian School, served in two areas in the city of Toronto where new congregations were being formed and, for over two years has been in the Province of British Columbia (in Victoria Presbytery and then in the Presbytery of Kootenay.)

Miss MacKay told of meeting with the young women of Kimberley early in her work there, and of realizing that they were eager to work in the Church, but that they, in their humility felt ill-equipped to launch out on a programme themselves. So a leadership training class was formed at which teaching methods, teaching materials, Church government and the meaning of the sacraments were studied. Now these young women have become the leaders of Mission Band, an Explorer Group or Evening Auxiliary, and they are assisting in the Sunday School.

Camp leadership is another of Miss MacKay's interests. She described the growth of Camp Wasa, a camp which she did much to promote. As a result of this year's girls' camp, plans are being made for the formation of a C.G.I.T. in Kimberley.

Miss Margaret Boyd has been on our staff almost eighteen months. For a time Miss Boyd served in the Presbytery of Kamloops, Okanagan. Last January at the urgent request for a deaconess to go into Flin Flon (a growing mining community in Northern Manitoba) Miss Boyd was sent in until a student was appointed in the spring by the Board of Missions. Just at that time a request was received from the Presbytery for a deaconess to work in the area in Northeast Calgary.

Miss Boyd spoke for a few minutes of her work.

"There is a great work to be done in the new housing areas," Miss Boyd stated as she described the response there was by Presbyterian workers in Calgary who erected a mission hall to meet temporarily, the spiritual needs in a new section of the city. The children are enjoying the privileges of attending a Presbyterian Sunday School in northeast Calgary and the parents appreciate the opportunity of sending them for religious training. Fifty children attended Daily Vacation Bible School classes in the summer.

Miss Margaret Boyd

Miss Boyd spoke of a survey she has completed in which she met with many of the adults in the district and found them interested in the development of the work of our Church in their community. Through her efforts, children and boys and girls are able to attend Sunday and mid-week groups in the Mission Hall—and to learn, as they have never had the chance of learning before, the stories of the Bible and of the work of our Church.

Miss Isabel Scott of Saskatoon was present and was introduced by Miss Matthews. Miss Scott is Secretary to the Superintendent of Western Missions. In addition to office work, Miss Scott gave leadership in Sunday School work by superintending a Sunday School, teaching in a Primary Department, leading in girls' work and at camps, and when time permitted she addressed several groups.

Miss Agnes Hislop was also introduced. Miss Hislop will be working for six months with Miss Ruby Walker in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. She is a 1949 graduate of our Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

Miss Matthews continued the topic of "Phases of deaconess work by describing the work being done in Canada under her department. The trend to specialization in other walks of life applies to the deaconess work too, Miss Matthews stated, "We try to find the type of work to which each worker is best suited". Mrs. Gillespie is our hospital visitor in Toronto. She does more than visit in the hospital. She looks after the needs of out-of-town patients and the relatives who come to visit them and does as much follow-up work as she can after the patient leaves the hospital.

Miss Isabel Scott

Miss Agnes Hislop

Mrs. Steinmetz and Mrs. Fesenko are working among Hungarians and Ukrainians in Toronto. They have much to do in these days when many are coming to Canada from other lands. They help them to become established, interpret for them when the need arises, aid in the mutual understanding of employer and employee when the newcomers find our customs strange; help them obtain medical care if they become ill. Both aid their husbands in correspondence with their people here and abroad. Mrs. Fesenko also gives assistance in the preparation of the Ukrainian paper: *Evangelical Truth.* Both deaconesses have packed and shipped bales to their people in Europe.

Miss Margaret Allen is our deaconess at Knox and Calvin churches in Hamilton. There she conducts group work, teaches in Sunday Schools and visits in the homes and the hospitals.

Miss Hilda Blackwell is our Port Worker in Montreal and Quebec. From the time navigation opens until it closes, Miss Blackwell is busy meeting boats large and small at both ports. There is much secretarial work involved in this task as the lists of Presbyterians are sent to the Montreal office from Halifax too and in Montreal letters are sent to ministers and Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in the communities to which the new arrivals are travelling to make their homes.

Another phase of deaconess work is being done at the children's centres supported by our Society. In the Vancouver Centre, two deaconesses, Miss Catherine Watson, superintendent of the nursery school and Miss Helen Ross, director of old children's groups carry on our work. The nursery school has an average enrolment of 30. Working together, the two deaconesses conduct mothers' groups, Mission Band, Explorers, C.G.I.T., and Vacation School in the summer. The nursery school and kindergarten began in Portage la Prairie last summer, by Miss Wooding is now being conducted by Miss Winnifred Ripley. Miss Ripley will have her kindergarten for a half a day, five days a week, and spend the rest of her time visiting and preparing to assist in Mission Band, girls' groups, Young People's Society and Sunday School and Junior Congregation. Tyndale House, Montreal, is a mission directed by the Board of Missions. Our Society provides for the services of the superintendent of the nursery school. This school was begun by Miss Isabel Taylor who is now in Formosa. The work now is being conducted by Miss Margaret MacKenzie. Miss MacKenzie has an enrolment of 28 boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 5. She has morning and afternoon classes and in addition assists in leadership of girls' groups and aids the superintendent of the mission with most of the other group work carried on there.

The work among the Chinese children is of vast importance for it is often through the children that the missionaries are able to teach Christianity to the adults. Classes are conducted in all centres for those who wish to study English and Chinese and in Montreal French classes are offered. In each of the centres we have a Chinese worker. It is interesting to note that these women received their education in China and became Christian through the preaching of the Word in China. The Chinese communities served are varied—from the well-educated to those who have no education, from the well-to-do to the very poor. Some still retain the old Chinese customs while others are quickly absorbing our Canadian way of living. Miss Matthews recalled the words of the hymn used frequently in the pageant—''Lord of the lands, make Canada our own''. ''If we can extend our culture and our faith to all peoples in our country. If the peoples of this land become Christian, then the influence of Canada and Canadians will be felt far beyond our borders—''to the uttermost parts of the earth''.

Organizations

At the beginning of the afternoon session, Mrs. McLennan who was presiding for the presentation and discussion of the work of the various organizations, introduced the three regional secretaries who have responsibility in their respective territories for helping all organizations of our Society. Mrs. McLennan explained that in addition they gave leadership in work sponsored by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies when requested and were representatives of our Church on the interdenominational boards of religious education.

Girls' Organizations

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary for Girls' Organizations on Council Executive, discussed the work of her department. We are still anxious to reach more girls, but those who are now members of girls' organizations, will be an effective influence in years to come. They are becoming increasingly interested in the activities of the Church and in missions. The problems for those dealing with teen-age girls is changing. The challenge of secular interests was one of the problems mentioned. Mrs. Keefer urged that there should be constant contact between Presbyterial and Synodical secretaries. She reminded the delegates that materials published by the inter-church boards had the consent of the Presbyterian representatives since each item was read and passed by member units of these boards.

The Young Women's Department

MRS. C. N. JOHNSTON, Young Women's Secretary spoke on behalf of her department.

When one comments on reports, they just naturally fall into two categories: increases and decreases. When we have an increase we can pat ourselves on the back, but it is the decrease that really puts us up on our toes and where we realize we have work to do.

It is always gratifying to say the money sent into the General Fund shows an increase and that is so for all the Synodicals with the exception of one. The average individual contribution has increased even more than the figures show because the membership is less. The average for 1948 was $3.33 per member. We have always had an ambition that we should bring this up to $5.00 per member. With three months left in this year it is still possible to reach that objective. Would you make that suggestion to your Presbyterial Secretaries?

Subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* are up, but it is not an increase that we can feel like boasting about with only one-third of the membership subscribing. It is our one source of up-to-date information and no Auxiliary programme is complete without news flashes from the *Glad Tidings*. Many of our groups are new and perhaps are not aware of the value of this magazine in helping them to have a better understanding of our work.

This seems to be about all the increases we can even mention, so we are forced to look at the other category.

New groups and new members—how badly we need them! And the really sad part of it is there are hundreds of young women but we are not contacting them. They are finding other interests. So far this year we have had nine new groups—four of these in one Synodical and three in another. Seven of these groups have been organized in smaller centres. It is the large towns and cities where we are losing out.

Why have we not more Young Women's Auxiliaries in the cities? This is a serious situation. Would you think this over? Is there a reason that we could discuss or have we just an excuse?

When we look over the Blue Book and see an Evening Auxiliary, then a C.G.I.T., do you ever wonder about the young women of eighteen to twenty-five? What branch of the Church are they in? They are so full of pep and enthusiasm and so keen to learn. The young women in every Church are most important—we must keep their interest.

We have from time to time suggested to you methods for approaching and organizing new groups. In the October *Glad Tidings* are three suggestions and we would be glad to send you any material or further information to help you. We would like to say here that the Evening Department has been most helpful in organizing new Young Women's groups.

We have one Fellowship organized and growing steadily. They had a very successful week-end camp, and have a full programme prepared for the Fall. Just to give you some idea of what they are doing, here are the topics for their meetings:

September 28th—Instruction on the use of Visual Aids.

October 26th—Background on Japan. (At this meeting background material on Japanese music, literature, religion, etc., will be discussed.)

''Why I am a Presbyterian—(three lectures).

Conference—(to be put on for us by older Y.W.A. and Evening Department groups) similar to the Montreal Conference last year.

Object of the Conference is to show us how we could plan such a Conference ourselves and to help stir up interest in Y.W.A. groups.

Through this Fellowship we are contacting many young women from Churches where as yet there are no Young Women's Auxiliaries. It provides leadership training and missionary education.

More and more Young Women are attending the camps at Westminster, Lancaster and Sylvan Lake. We should do all in our power to encourage the young women to attend these camps as this is one place where we have the opportunity of breaking down any prejudice they might have about missionary work. Here they find there is fun, sports and happy times besides the more serious discussions on the work of our Missionary Society.

Our comments would not be complete if we did not mention the reports. However, for the benefit of any new Synodical Secretaries of this Department we want to stress three things:

1. Be sure the tabulated forms are filled in correctly.
2. Please send in a written report. To receive just the tabulated form is a disappointment. We want to know what your Auxiliaries are doing.
3. Do have your report in on time, and that means that they are to be mailed not later than March 1st.

I would like to mention the new study *Towards A New Dawn In Japan.* The new study is colourful and when reading it over I felt this was one every Auxiliary should have. The love of beauty and artistic ability is an outstanding and admirable characteristic of the Japanese people, and that would appeal to our young women.

Whether it is a new group or not this study is most suitable. It is complete in itself and with the number of suggested methods for using the study our young women should learn much about Japan and Korea. Will you urge your Secretaries to try to have every Auxiliary using the Study?

Children's Department

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace presented the report of the Children's Department for the first time as Secretary. She expressed appreciation for Miss Macarthur's guidance in acquainting her with children's work.

The focal point of our training of children is Jesus Christ, that they may learn His love of them, that they may be conscious of His presence, that they may desire to please Him and spread the story of His love throughout the whole world.

There are three crying needs in our children's work. The first need is more Mission Band and Explorer groups. A large number of our congregations where there is a flourishing Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary have no Mission Band or Explorer Group. Primarily this is the duty of the Auxiliary and if a group has not been formed then the responsibility falls back upon the Presbyterial officer.

The second need is leaders. Everywhere the lack of leaders is deplored. I wonder if the local auxiliary has explored every possibility. The office of children's leader is often the last filled by the nominating committee. It is very important indeed we are all agreed that training our children is vital. So the office of children's superintendent should receive primary consideration. Often some of the finest leaders are unrecognized. One source perhaps unconsidered is the young mother who is suited both in her own spiritual experience and her understanding of the approach to children but is prevented by a baby or young children at home from assuming this office. This is where interested and faithful W.M.S. auxiliary members can help by caring for this young mother's children and so releasing her for the service for which she is so suited.

The third need is for the further training of leaders. Again the auxiliary can help by encouraging the leader of a children's group to go to a camp for leaders or to a leaders' conference and even by helping her financially. It is the duty and privilege of the auxiliary to provide the study books and materials required by the leader.

The auxiliary members can visit all the homes where there are children and try to interest the mother in missions, in becoming an active member in the Missionary Society or a Home Helper and in sending the children to Mission Band.

When the children's group leader has trained the children for special occasions such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and invited the members of the W.M.S. auxiliary to be present, the members should be present 100%.

The auxiliary should help and support the children's group leader as much as possible, but also leave her free to work out the purpose of the organization as freely as possible.

The auxiliary should stimulate interest in Mission Band and Explorer life membership and seals. By this means the children can be encouraged in achievement. The Mission Band or Explorer Group may earn some money for seals, but the donation of seals by the auxiliary and individual members as rewards for special excellency is a very fine contribution to our children's work.

I should like to mention certain points. In isolated areas where there is a Mission Band or Explorer Group in summer but not in winter, there can be continuity maintained through the Home Helper packet. Also children too far removed by distance or illness from an active children's group can have interest in missions stimulated and kept alive through this same Home Helper packet.

Co-operation between the Sunday School and the mid-week children's group must be encouraged. If the group leaders and assistants are also teachers in the Sunday School it is a great advantage. A superintendent who announces the value of these groups, is a real help.

Following the report for this department by Mrs. Wallace, Miss Macarthur told of the work she had been doing this past summer in the Peace River Country. She told of the eight Bible schools to which children came from long distances, some on horseback, some by car, some on bicycles. Day after day, they came often bringing their friends with them. The parents through their hospitality, their support of the schools and their actual help at the sessions, made the school possible, Miss Macarthur said. She told how they attended the special events of the schools and expressed their interest in and enthusiasm for, what was being done. In this area, Miss Macarthur saw great opportunity for more workers and more supplies to bring the children knowledge of the work of our Church.

Peace River Presbyterial

Mrs. Davidson, president of the new Peace River Presbyterial was introduced by Mrs. McLennan and was followed to the platform by Mrs. Rod Macdonald of Blueberry Mountain. Mrs. Macdonald spoke briefly of the growth of the work in the Peace River and once more it was evident that the Presbyterial had grown from an auxiliary whose members had missionary zeal which let no physical impediments hinder its progress. Mrs. Macdonald challenged The Presbyterian Church in Canada to take its place in the great new country just now being opened for settlement.

Our Own Shortcomings

Our shortcomings will be discussed by Mrs. McLennan elsewhere and in greater detail, but let us report here that this topic drew forth interested and valuable discussion as we looked at ourselves as others see us. Some of the difficulties we hope to overcome are lack of co-operation with other groups in the Church. We must remember that our first loyalty is to our Church, then to our auxiliary. We need to be more active to obtain new members. The mission study presentation should be made as interesting as possible. There is need for more prayer to guide us and those whom we send out as our missionaries. Co-operation and understanding between Presbyterial Societies and Synodical Societies and with Council Executive was greatly stressed. These are some of the things which were taken into account in a period which became so interesting that more time was needed to conclude the discussion.

Evening Department

The Evening Department is now well into its fourth year and is still growing. Each Synodical is represented, although there are still many Young Women's Auxiliaries who belong to the Evening Department age group but have not yet transferred. Some of them have never been given a choice in the matter. In spite of requests from Council, there are nineteen Presbyterials in which no Evening Department Secretary has been appointed. In some Presbyterials there are Evening Department Auxiliaries with no Secretary to receive their annual reports or do any work in the Department. The ideal for either Presbyterial or Synodical is that the Secretary be a member of an Evening Auxiliary; in that way she is more closely in touch with the aims and work than she can be otherwise.

One phase of this work is very significant—new Auxiliaries are being organized in this age group. These new members have not just arrived in the congregations where they are being organized, they must have been there for some time, but for some reason have failed to become a group until now.

There has been some criticism of the Department for not joining with the Senior Auxiliaries, especially where both meet in the evening. In ''The Family Complete'' the Evening Department is the grown-up daughter, with a home of her own in the missionary sense. Members of this Department are making no small contribution to the work of the Society.

Last year one Synodical reported that most of its Auxiliaries did not use any method of systematic giving, but that where this was used, it proved the most satisfactory method. The objective in the Department is the systematic use of weekly envelopes—preferably duplex. It has been found over and over again that this is the best method. Standards of living are very similar in different parts of the country and it is hard to understand discrepancies in givings from Auxiliaries in the same age group.

The Department is now established and it is with confidence that the members go forward, knowing that theirs is a mission and a programme to challenge and hold their allegiance.

Rising Cost of The Glad Tidings

AS most members of our Society will know by now, the subscription rates for *The Glad Tidings* have had to be increased. The main reason for the increase is simply that printing costs have risen. We need not explain that in the economic cycle, the higher cost of labour and of raw materials results in higher cost to the consumer. In fairness to the cause for which we are working, it was felt at Council that the increase should be absorbed by the subscriber—*for if all share in dealing with difficulties no one suffers too greatly.* The price for one year now is *75 cents for group subscriptions* (where two or more are sent to one address) and *$1.00 for individual subscriptions.* If we look at these prices on a monthly basis, the cost of our missionary magazine is a little over 6 cents per month for group subscriptions and a little over 9 cents per month for individual subscriptions. If we think of it as a weekly cost, and I am reminded that most of our readers spend at least 10 cents for secular literature, our magazine averages between 1 and 2 cents per week. There is no doubt that we are a people whose sense of value is keen. There can be no question then, of us putting forth our greatest effort to make certain that a *larger* number of readers share in the work of missions by being informed supporters of the Women's Missionary Society. BUY, AND SELL, *The Glad Tidings.*

Report of the Board of Trustees, 1949

THE death of Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll on August 22nd, 1949, a member of the Board for twenty-three years is hereby recorded with deep regret and affectionate remembrance. Singularly gifted for any office that she adorned, all who knew her and worked with her will think of her as an outstanding leader of work in the Church and especially in its Women's Missionary Society and among young people. In the October issue of *The Glad Tidings* will be found the record of her devoted service. Possessed of a remarkably loving heart and a generous soul, of her it may be truly said that she was filled with the love "that worketh no ill to a neighbour".

The following is the report of the year:

Roberts Creek, B.C.—Roberts Creek, B.C. in the vicinity of Vancouver has been purchased by the Society for a camp site.

Weirdale, Sask.—The Weirdale property has been given to the Church for church activities and is returnable to the Society if this provision is not carried out.

Saskatoon, Sask.—The Society has now completed the transfer of the Saskatoon School Home property to the Church and the deeds have been transferred to the Trustees of the Church.

Medicine Hat, Alta.—The Society has purchased a property at Medicine Hat, Alberta, the deeds of which are in its hands. This property is to be used in co-operation with the Church for the training of Church workers.

Windermere Avenue, Toronto—The payments for the Society's rented property continue to be satisfactorily made.

—Bessie MacMurchy, Chairman.

Appointment to Board of Trustees

Mrs. A. R. Riddell, Toronto, was elected by Council as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Visual Education

Miss Reith reported that since the preparation of the Annual Report the groups of the Women's Missionary Society had continued to be second to the Sunday Schools in the use of lantern slides and films from the Visual Education Department; that new lantern slide sets were being prepared on all the Mission Fields of our Church and also a film; and that it was expected that the Visual Education Department would purchase the film on Japan, "Kyoto Story", which would be of value with the study on Japan.

EDITORIAL

This issue of *Glad Tidings* is largely an account of the Council Meeting in Calgary. We wish as you read the reports of the secretaries and as you study the recommendations that you might in some manner catch the spirit that prevailed at the Meeting. Perhaps it was the beautiful warm autumn weather, mixed with the warmth of our reception in Calgary and of the hospitality which prevailed through the week, which assured each report an enthusiastic reception. Certainly there was an enthusiasm for all parts of our missionary work which carried the discussion on estimates into the realms of marked advance in plans for future work. We all felt, when the considerable increase was suggested from the floor of the house, that truly we were willing to make at least some small sacrifice that the people eager to hear the Word of God, and benefit from a Christian culture, should have that opportunity. We indeed experienced the thought that it was good for us to have been there, and it is our hope and prayer that the enthusiasm existing in Calgary may continue through the year and that when discouragements seem to loom large on our horizon we remember that if men and women have courage and faith to carry on the work of our Society we have courage and faith enough to send them and to supply them as bountifully as possible.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

FOR those who really want to know and understand the story of Christianity in Japan and the Orient during the war years we recommend DARKNESS OF THE SUN. The author, Richard Terrill Baker, and Associate Professor in the Columbia School of Journalism and Assistant Editor of *World Outlook,* went to Japan in 1946 soon after the American occupation of that land. Mr. Baker went to Japan because there were many questions in his mind among them, ''What happened to Christianity in war-time Japan?'' As an accredited correspondent attached to General Macarthur's command, Mr. Baker had opportunity to learn and see, and, having visited Japan previously in 1937, he was able to make valuable comparisons which form the basis for DARKNESS OF THE SUN.

The author does not hide the weakness of the Japanese Church. He tells of the compromises that were made repeatedly that lives and institutions might be spared but he also points out that the Church in

Japan "weathered the storm of the war years as an institutional entity and preserved sufficient purity of witness that it is to-day one of the most promising movements in Japan." Therefore, while we are made aware of the weakness of the Japanese Church we are also made aware of the heroic Christians who refused to compromise even in the face of death.

Of DARKNESS OF THE SUN one reviewer says, "The less serious reader will find this record a thrilling story. . . . Those deeply concerned with the world-wide spread of Christianity will find this more than a story—an essential foundation for understanding the strategy of all future missionary efforts."

Mr. Baker closes his book with the words, "This is an urgent hour in which Christians live to-day. And an hour of opportunity." We hope many will read DARKNESS OF THE SUN because we feel it will be a challenge to all who do so to measure up to the opportunity now presented in Japan.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

AT one of the sessions of the Council meeting there was a discussion on the topic "Our Own Shortcomings". It was dealt with under three headings: Auxiliaries, Presbyterials and Synodicals.

We began with Auxiliaries and that includes afternoon, evening and Young Women's and there was a very ready response. These are some of the shortcomings mentioned:

> Some Auxiliaries were too exclusive—not friendly enough—did not invite new comers or others who are not members. In other words they did not say, "Will you come?". They depended on a pulpit invitation. The invitation should be personal. Everyone likes to feel needed.
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> Sometimes Auxiliary members did not manifest interest in any of the local Church activities, which seemed to cause a feeling of aloofness and that was unfortunate.
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> In the matter of programmes for meetings plans were not made with enough care. The study was not made attractive to the particular group. Many suggestions were made to help better planning.
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> That there is a lack of co-ordination among the officers of the Auxiliaries was felt by many.

The Home Helpers, Welcome and Welfare, Supply and Library Secretaries could be helpful to each other if they were working together and not all separately in their own way.

There was also a lack of co-operation between Auxiliaries and Presbyterials. This was noted as a weakness on the part of both.

In all this discussion there was manifest a desire to correct our shortcomings and it was agreed that the first step is to recognize them. We would therefore like to suggest that each Auxiliary take just such an inventory honestly facing up to whatever weakness exists (not necessarily any of those enumerated above) and set out to remedy these shortcomings. In so doing let us remember as well that the success of any Society depends not just on how near its organization is to perfection but on the degree of worthiness of its individual members.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Towards A New Dawn In Japan

THERE have been several articles in *The Glad Tidings* introducing the new study *Towards A New Dawn in Japan.* We hope that you have read them, but if not please take note. This is a most interesting and colourful study. The members of your Auxiliary should thoroughly enjoy it. Included in this study are a number of suggestions for presentation at each meeting, and also plenty of scope for your imagination. We have no doubt been inclined to feel not a little hostile toward Japan and her people. In that case, this will give you an opportunity to become acquainted with the people, their love of beauty and artistic ability, their religion which has so influenced their ideas and their life, the entrance of Christianity into Japan, and also our Church's contribution in Japan and Korea. Suggestions for a service of worship for each meeting are also included.

We would like to have every Auxiliary using this study, whether it is a new group or not. You will enjoy *Towards A New Dawn In Japan.* This study is complete in itself, and it is not necessary to have used any of the other studies to thoroughly understand this one. Do plan your fall and winter programme around this study. The study packet is available for 75 cents from the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

THIS month the "page" is addressed particularly to members of the Women's Missionary Society, Sunday School teachers and officers and all congregational members who are interested in girls' groups and in the worth-while aim of keeping our girls interested in the work of our Church.

You know success in life never comes easily. Whether it is in our business, professional or social life success is only attained by hard work and much effort. This is a fact that few of us who have lived longer than sixteen years, will care to dispute. Why then, when so much effort is required to attain success in our personal lives, do we assume that to have a successful girls' group, our responsibility ends when we appoint one person—and often an inexperienced one—to lead a group of from ten to thirty lively girls, all of whom are at the age when it is so necessary to give careful guidance and to show personal interest in all their problems. It is almost impossible to find any young woman who can be expected to handle, let alone make a success of a situation such as this. Yet, repeatedly we are guilty of appointing a leader and leaving all the responsibility to her.

What then can we do to help? A year or two ago, it was suggested that a girls' work committee be formed within each congregation; this committee to consist of the minister, superintendent of the Sunday School, the president of the Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society, a mother and of course the group leader. This committee would meet regularly to discuss the welfare of the group, its needs, its aims and its difficulties. The personnel of this group, consisting as it would of people with mature minds and balanced judgment, would be of tremendous help to the leader and moreover would enable her to realize that she could always depend upon strong support when it was needed. Besides this group would be responsible for securing a new leader when necessary. This scheme is not a new one and it is being carried out most successfully in many congregations. If you haven't already such a group in your church, won't you be responsible for organizing one?

We can make a success of keeping our girls within the Church, but we can only do it by all working hard at the job. If we are serious in our desire to keep our girls, we had better decide now to show greater interest in them!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Service of Worship for Christmas

One child sings —

Who is He in yonder stall
At whose feet the shepherds fall?

All in unison —

'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!
'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall
Crown Him, crown Him, Lord of all.

All children repeat in unison—Isaiah 9: 6

Hymn 171—Hark the Herald Angels sing, verses 1 and 3

One child as narrator —

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them," —

One child taking part of angel—"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Narrator—And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

Several children including child already taking part of angel—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Narrator—And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

Three children —

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

Narrator—"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

Hymn 729—Away in a manger—all three verses, last verse sung softly with bowed heads as prayer.

Matthew 2: 1-10—This passage to be dealt with also with a narrator and children taking the part of the wise men, the chief priests and scribes, and Herod.

Hymn 169—O little town of Bethlehem, verses 1, 2 and 4. Last verse sung with bowed heads as a prayer.

The following verse repeated with bowed heads or by 2 or 3 children while the rest stand with bowed heads.

What shall I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man
I would do my part.
What shall I give Him?
Give Him my heart.
—Christina Rosetti.

Hymn 732—Sung by two or more children

Hymn 172—Holy night, peaceful night—*sung by whole group.*

All passages of Scripture used should be memorized and repeated rather than read.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER Presbyterial—Buchanan Senior Auxiliary began its fall work with much enthusiasm. The vice-president read from *The Glad Tidings* articles on projects taken up by other Auxiliaries, so it was decided that handwork of a practical nature would be started.

The Senior Auxiliary of Cook's Church, Chilliwack send in from time to time a summary of the work being done at each meeting. One member gives part of the study book at each meeting. At one meeting they held a tea and raised money for their expense fund. Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, was guest speaker and they were greatly encouraged by her splendid address. They also took part in the World Day of Prayer. At their Thank-offering service Miss Ray Aikens was in charge and portrayed by chart the fourth part of the study book. All branches of the Society are active. A quilt has been finished and all enjoyed a picnic in July.

Fairview Senior Auxiliary had a very interesting meeting in September when Mrs. Margaret McPhee, bride of the

Reverend E. I. McPhee, was honoured by the members of the Auxiliary. Mr. McPhee is a member of Fairview Church and was recently ordained there. The young couple leave shortly for British Guiana where Mr. McPhee is to be on the staff of the Berbice High School. In her reply Mrs. McPhee quoted 1 Tim. 4: 12: ''Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.'' This verse, she said, could be a challenge to all youth.

The Evening Auxiliary of Fairview Church as part of its ''work project'' has taken on the making of braided mats. These are to be given to Miss Yeandle of the Chinese Mission, where they will be used by the children of the kindergarten, to sit on during their ''story hour''.

ALBERTA

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Banff, Press Secretary

EDMONTON Presbyterial — On September 8th the Presbyterial Executive met in First Church, Edmonton, and heard a very interesting report given by Mrs. Kelman on her recent visit to the Peace River country. Mrs. Kelman visited Flying Shot, Bear Lake, Brownvale, Last Lake, Dixonville, Smith's Mills, Blueberry Mountain and Grande Prairie. There are churches at some of these points and at Blueberry Mountain two lots have been secured and timber cut ready for building a church. Mrs. Kelman held services and meetings at all of these places and found the people keen for the furtherance of the work of our Church in that northern district. At Grande Prairie, Miss Lily Macarthur, Miss Athalie Read and Mrs. Davidson assisted Mrs. Kelman in organizing the Presbyterial of Peace River.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,

Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—The Presbytery of Assiniboia met in Knox Church, Briercrest, to designate Miss Margaret McNaughton, B.A., a recent graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Toronto, as a deaconess of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It had been Miss McNaughton's wish that she be designated in her home church and a large congregation of friends and acquaintances were present at the service to wish her well. Mrs. James Cameron, president of the Auxiliary, with a few well chosen words, presented Miss McNaughton with a leather bound hymn book. Miss McNaughton in expressing her appreciation for the gift said that she looked on the work of the Church as a joy and a privilege.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — The members of the Presbyterial mourn the passing of one of its most faithful and devoted workers in the person of Mrs. F. T. Fraser of Tisdale. Mrs. Fraser died on Sunday evening, September 4th as the result of an automobile accident which occurred on the previous night while motoring from her home in Tisdale to attend a banquet in honour of a friend. The late Mrs. Fraser (nee Sarah MacLeod of Dalkeith, Ontario) came west with her husband after her marriage in 1916 and has lived almost continuously in the town of Tisdale. She was a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society and her quiet, unobtrusive devotion to duty and to the activities of the Presbyterian Church will not be forgotten. Reverend E. S. MacKay of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, who had been the pastor of the Tisdale Church for some years, conducted the funeral service. Interment took place in the family plot in Kirkhill cemetery, Dalkeith, Ontario. Sympathy and prayers will follow Mr. Fraser in his great loss. He was also injured in the accident, but is recovering.

A meeting was held in the Weirdale Mission Centre on July 5th for the purpose of reorganizing an Auxiliary in Weirdale. Miss Ruby Walker presided. It was decided to form an Affiliated Group to be called the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild and the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. T. Lindsay; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. A. Buchanan; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Ottley. The Reverend J. A. Munro installed the officers and gave a most inspiring address on mission work and his trip overseas.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker visited the Coleville Field early in the summer and was able to meet with many of the women and children. A joint meeting of the Coleville and Ear Hill Auxiliaries was held at the home of Mrs. S. Patchell, at which Miss Walker brought a challenging message and helped all to realize anew, the great responsibility of the members of the Christian Church and of the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Walker and Miss Stewart, a student deaconess who travelled with Miss Walker this past summer, met with the Coleville Mission Band, the Hopedale Mission Band and with the Ealingford Mission Band when it had charge of a special meeting in Fairmount Church to which all the members and friends of the congregation were invited. These visits of Miss Walker were of real help and encouragement to all who met her and heard her challenging messages.

The Auxiliary of Scott Church, Coleville, met at the home of Mrs. A. Benjaminson on the afternoon of August 5th. The Reverend D. T. Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Western Missions was the guest speaker and he brought a challenging message on the work of the Church in Western Canada, especially in Saskatchewan. Members of the Society were guests of the young people attending the annual youth rally at Scott Church.

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Mrs. James Gibb, 308 South Marks St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial—The Women's Missionary Society of Brandon Presbyterial held a regional meeting in St. Paul's Church, Hartney, on Thursday, September 15th with a large attendance from Brandon, Boissevain, Melita, Lenore and Hartney. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. McLeod of Brandon presided; the Hartney Auxiliary took the devotions. Miss Laura K. Pelton our guest speaker gave an inspiring address on her tour of India, China and Japan and stressed the need of missions. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, was also present. Lunch was served by members of the Junior League.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Hartney, was held at the home of Mrs. Perien on September 28th with a good attendance. Our guest speaker was Mr. Samuel Dempster of Melita.

Mrs. R. A. Hamlen presided at the meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon. The study of China was continued. The importance of Home Missions as part of the work of the Women's Missionary Society was stressed and vividly brought to mind by Mrs. J. S. Matheson as she told of a congregation, chiefly veterans, 400 miles north of Edmonton at Last Lake, Albert. The church, the youngest Presbyterian church in the Peace River district was dedicated last November.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — Under the auspices of the Presbyterial a meeting was held in First Church, Winnipeg, Monday evening, September 12th. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Missions, Executive Secretary, addressed the meeting, telling of her recent visit to the mission fields in India, China, and Formosa. She gave a very vivid picture of existing conditions and she mentioned our missionaries working there. After her address, she showed coloured slides. She also addressed a meeting of Young Women's groups in St. James Church on Saturday evening, September 10th.

A rally of Mission Bands and Explorer Groups was held in the Assembly Hall of First Church, Winnipeg, Saturday, September 17th with an attendance of 70 children and leaders. St. James' Explorer Group led in the service of worship. Reverend Mr. Elder, returned missionary from British Guiana, gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with coloured pictures. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Presbyterial President, thanked Mr. Elder for his message.

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BRUCE and Owen Sound—The August meeting of Southampton Auxiliary was held in the Sunday School room. An exceptionally fine musical programme was enjoyed, after which Mrs. Piper introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. D. McCullough, Tara, Presbyterial President, who gave an enlightening talk on the work of our missionaries in British Guiana.

Chatham Presbyterial—Speaking at the August meeting of the Duart Auxiliary, Miss Jameson, R.N. of Highgate, stressed the important factors in the Christian Way of Life: daily prayer, family worship and regular church attendance. ''God has given us all we possess, therefore, we should give willingly to the support of His work.''

At the September meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, Windsor, Mrs. James Stevens in discussing the study book was emphatic regarding the need for missionary teachers and medical workers in Formosa.

Maitland Presbyterial—At the August meeting, with Reverend W. J. Watt as guest speaker, Whitechurch Auxiliary was hostess to the Wingham, Teeswater and Langside Auxiliaries.

Langside Auxiliary entertained the Home Helpers at their July meeting. Mrs. Harold Speir of Brussels, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, explained the work in this department.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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KINGSTON Presbyterial—The members of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Stirling, mourn the loss of one of their Life Members, Mrs. Margaret Tompkins who died suddenly from a heart seizure. Mrs. Tompkins had lived in Stirling for the past fifteen years and had taken an active interest in the work of the Church.

Orangeville Presbyterial — At the June meeting the members of Caledon East Auxiliary quilted for the bale, and their July-August meeting was a picnic held jointly with the Ladies' Aid.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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Ottawa, Press Secretary

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — A full Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Iroquois on September 13th. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held in January, in Morrisburg. The president, Mrs. J. C. Ross, presided at both sessions.

The September meeting of the South Mountain Auxiliary was the occasion of a very happy gathering with a record attendance. A highlight of the meeting was the paying of a fitting tribute to Mrs. Charles Shaver, a past president.

Morewood Auxiliary held its annual Thank-offering meeting on Sunday morning, September 18th, at the regular hour of service in the church. In the absence of the minister, the president, Mrs. W. C. Hunter, was in charge of the service. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, president of Ottawa Presbyterial, was the guest speaker. The meeting was very well attended and was most succesful from every point of view.

Glengarry Presbyterial — St. John's Church, Cornwall, was the setting for a full Executive meeting of the Presbyterial on September 13th. The president, Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, was in the chair. Reports of vice-presidents and departmental secretaries were encouraging. Very helpful discussions followed the presentation of the reports.

The Presbyterial annual meeting will be held on January 18th and 19th in Cornwall, with the sub-executive meeting on the evening of January 18th.

The Reverend D. C. MacLennan of Toronto, Field Secretary for the Ontario Temperance Federation, was guest speaker at a meeting of St. Luke's Auxiliary, Finch, held in the manse hall. The Reverend E. G. Moore introduced the speaker, who spoke of the work done by the organization he represented. Mrs. Thomas Rutley presented a paper on the Church of Christ in China.

Ottawa Presbyterial — The autumn meeting of the Presbyterial Executive was held early in September with a fine attendance. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta presided and led the worship period. The treasurer, Mrs. F. R. Duminy, reported that more than half the allocation had been received by June. An appeal for more papers for the Exchange Department was made. Little Miss Audrey Boyd told the story of a day at the children's Camp (Peace Memorial) at Lancaster, describing her enjoyment and appreciation of the happy time spent under such delightful auspices. Mrs. F. M. Mooney, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. S. J. Kennett, Corresponding Secretary, presented most interesting reports, showing the work done even during the holiday season.

Thrilled as a young girl, by the story and life of Mary Slessor, "the White Queen of Calabar", Mrs. A. Ian Burnett was able to bring the same feeling of enthusiasm to the members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Ottawa, in an address at their September meeting.

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September 30th, 1949

RECEIPTS:

A Friend, "Christian Literature for Argentina"	$ 100.00
Junior Girls' Camps, Buena Vista, "Miss Sherrick's Work"	6.66
Missionaries' Personal Account	350.20
Life Membership pins	18.60
Annuity Rates Received	650.47
Hospitalization rates	40.30
Rent from worker	20.00
Synodical Societies:	
British Columbia	500.00
British Columbia, Supplies	16.00
Alberta	700.00
Alberta, Supplies	13.00
Manitoba	506.95
Manitoba, Supplies	165.25
Toronto and Kingston	4,766.20
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	1,055.25
Hamilton and London	2,900.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	578.45
Montreal and Ottawa	1,785.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	348.00
	$14,520.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 166.66
Birtle Government Grant	2,470.14
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.31
Cecilia Jeffrey Government Grant	2,267.53
Chinese in Canada	1,001.47
Deaconesses	1,028.64
St. Margaret's Centre	267.85
Children's Centre	626.83
Port Work	356.99
Organization	1,076.39
Supplies	2,339.10
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Publications	2,812.19
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Deputation	175.00
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India:	
Bhil Field	6,146.88
Jhansi Field	3,932.09
British Guiana	1,043.23
China	81.00
Formosa	2,088.21
Missionaries' Travelling and incidental expenses	880.35
Christian Literature	100.00
Grants	35.00
Miscellaneous. Cost of living bonuses to missionaries, etc.	858.50
Miss Katherine Sun, travelling and incidental expenses	400.00
	$38,220.35

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Estate of Sarah Landsborough	$1,574.28
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Interest	30.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	49.50
Pension Fund—	
Interest	45.00
	$1,723.78

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Pension Fund—	
Purchase of Annuities for Missionaries	$1,333.88
Rates paid for Annuities	1,413.43
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
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"May we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy-seat."

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A Christmas Prayer

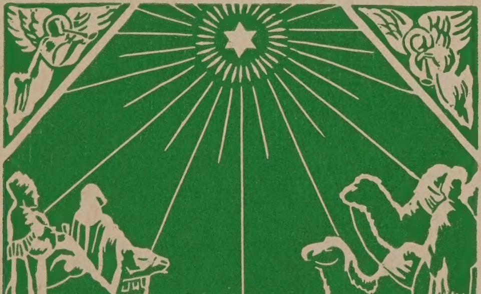
Praise ye the Father, God the Lord, who gave us,
With full and perfect love, His only Son;
Praise ye the Son, Who died Himself to save us;
Praise ye the Spirit; praise the Three in One.

Our heavenly Father, we come to Thee with hearts filled with joy and thankfulness that Thou didst show Thy love to us on the first Christmas morn by sending Thine only Son to earth as a little child. We thank Thee for the blessings that have come to the world through Him; the example of His life, the teaching given to His followers, His healing of the sick in mind and in body, His death and resurrection that brought forgiveness and hope to all mankind.

Help us to remember, our Father, that Thy great gift was for all people everywhere and to be grateful that to our fathers and to us has come the knowledge of that gift. Lead us in the true spirit of Christmas to share with others the best we have. May we know the blessedness of sharing the message of Thy love.

Banish, we pray Thee, the fear and distrust among the nations. Lead us all to Bethlehem and may the light that once shone there soon fill all the world that the people of all nations, like the shepherds and wisemen of old, may bow humbly before Christ and crown Him Lord of all.

We ask it in His name. Amen.



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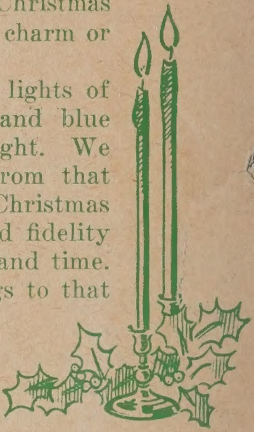
Christmas Lights at Cecilia Jeffrey

BY MISS JANET A. CARRUTHERS



IT is Christmas! — and Christmas will always be Christmas to the world's children. Years cannot steal its charm or rob the lonely of its glow.

Christmas lights are lit in town, so are the lights of Cecilia Jeffrey. They are casting red, gold and blue shadows into the mauve silence of our forest night. We are drawn to them as were the Wise Men from that Bethlehem hillside to the distant Star. These Christmas lights shed fellowship, and renew a worship and fidelity that lifts us above the mundane things of task and time. Christmas can never be commonplace. It belongs to that world of glory and of song.

Yes, great days these are, when the lamps of Christmas shine out across our land. There is a stir in our classrooms, along our corridors there is fragrance of pine. Trees have been brought from the frosty stillness of the woods, on them have been hung gifts and the Yuletide lights. To many they bring a memory, to others the joy of opportunity, and they give to all, a Promise.

Especially to the dear wee, wee ones does Christmas come, bringing Santa, a gift, and an expectancy radiant as the lights on which they rest their twinkling eyes. For in Christmas every child has a part. Mary, Rose and Helen are asking, "When do we practice?" They know that the class to which the tiny ones belong will stage "a piece" and sing a song. There will be carols, and acting and some may wear a golden crown!

Already there are tinsel stars and yellow candles out. Red and green streamers are on the wall. Joseph and Mary, and the manger scene will be re-enacted with Wise Men and their offerings standing by. There will be shepherds, "abiding with their flocks by night" and a glittering Star; in memory of that Christ Child for whose birth Christmas lamps are lit in Christian lands.

They will remember, these children of ours, when they scatter to lonely cabins on the Shoal to far flung trails of the Sabiscong and by plane to reach dog-teams that will carry them into the snow-bound north—yes they will remember with a glow in their hearts, and live again in memory in after years when Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School hung out her Christmas lights.

"The Lord is Come!"

BY DR. C. L. COWAN, MODERATOR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Gedge Harmon

INTEREST in, and respect for, the Birth of our Saviour, will never cease. Mankind has not been able to ignore the fact that in an obscure village, in the Far East, one Jesus Christ was born. No wonder that Renan, who wrote a Life of Jesus, from a purely human standpoint, should write immortal words concerning Him in the last lines of his book. He captures the imagination, if not the hearts, of all who sincerely study His words and deeds.

There have been great announcements made to mankind. When England heard that Napoleon was broken at Waterloo, great rejoicings took place. For years he had scourged Europe. I am just about old enough to remember definitely the famous Klondyke Gold Strike in '98, and the effect of it over the world. When the Armistice was signed, ending the First World War, I was in Fort Frances, Ontario, a young parson. Our baby boy was in my arms at the time, and, naturally, we knelt down where we were and gave grateful thanks to God for the news. In a few minutes, the streets were filled with shouting, dancing, singing, half-wild people. Even a band, hastily got together, began parading the streets. Then when the last Great War ended, with that boy, now a man, in naval uniform, somewhere near Singapore, we personally, and the world in general, found our hearts singing with relief and happiness. Human slaughter had ended—at least temporarily.

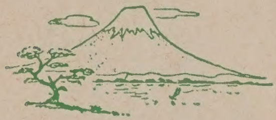
But no announcement that we've ever heard, or read about, ever meant so much to mankind as that of the angel to Mary: "Behold thou shalt . . . bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus." (Luke 1: 31). What this Birth has meant to the individual no one will ever know; what it has meant in the uplifting of men's thoughts and lives can be but faintly imagined!

In the midst of the conflicting idealogies, the whirlpool of social doctrines, the one sure and steadying influence is Christ's. Let us celebrate Christmas in a proper manner! This is the time for rejoicing that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. . . ." "Joy to the World, the Lord is come."

A Japanese New Year

BY SHIMA UMEMOTO

As we plan our Christmas and year end festivities we think of the festivals in that land where our thoughts are particularly centred this year. Miss Umemoto of the Department of Missionary Education takes us to the land of her fathers to celebrate the New Year.



TONG, Tong, Tong. The sound of mochi-pounding roused Fumi and she jumped from her bed. She could hear the voices of the servants in a gay song, as they sang to the accompaniment of the rhythmic beat of the pounder, while making the rice cakes, called mochi.

New Year's Day was three days off, but the sound was like an announcement of festivities. She hurried into the kitchen. It was four o'clock—a cold, winter morning—and the stars were still shining in the sky.

The servants had already steamed the rice, and Jiro and Yasu were pounding the steamed rice in a big wooden mortar until it was smooth like bread dough. Then they kneaded it on a board into small round cakes. Her brother Yoshio had come in too, and they were both allowed to help shape the dough into cakes. It was fun, and Fumi and Yoshio joined in the song as they worked. They arranged the cakes carefully on wooden racks to store them in a cool, dry place. Mochi was indispensable to every house during the New Year's celebration. It meant "Happy congratulations" and would be eaten at almost all the meals.

Preparations for the New Year had been under way for the past week. They began with a grand house cleaning. Then Yoshio and Father had gathered big bunches of pine and bamboo boughs and decorated the gate and entrance of the house. This was to welcome the good fortune which the coming year was to bring. Mother and Fumi had arranged pine branches and plum blossoms in a large vase and put them into the alcove of the room where the guests were received. On each side of every doorway on the street stood a pine tree and stretched above was a rope of rice straw with dangling zigzag papers.

Special food, enough to last for three days was being carefully prepared in the kitchen. There would be daintily shaped vegetables, cooked chicken, meat and fish, cakes and frozen gelatine, all arranged in tiers in the special lacquer and gold boxes.

Late on New Year's Eve, everything was in readiness for the great day. The house was thoroughly cleaned and the food all prepared. Now the spirits of evil must be chased away. Beans, "stones of health" would be scattered throughout the rooms, and Fumi and Yoshio would sweep them vigorously out of the house, shouting and singing merrily "Evil spirits out, Good Luck within".

On New Year's morning Fumi awoke very, very early—for the whole family would watch the sunrise together. She felt happy and excited as she dressed carefully in her new kimono and sash and went to join the other members of the family. They watched the first faint flush of dawn appear on the horizon then the shining rays of the sun, and they marvelled at the loveliness and splendour of this first morning of the year.

Then they all went to the temple on top of the hill to give thanks for all the blessings bestowed on them during the past year and pray that health and happiness might continue to be theirs during the New Year. It seemed as if everyone from the village was at the temple. Cheery New Year's greetings could be heard on all sides. Everyone had a new outfit of clothes for the Japanese believe that everything must be fresh and clean for the New Year and man himself must be spiritually renewed.

After breakfast, Father, dressed in his formal clothes, set out to make a round of New Year's calls. Mother would be busy receiving the relatives and family friends who would come visiting to wish a "Happy New Year". The guests would be served the special delicacies, together with a rice wine called "toso sake", used only on New Year's. Toso means "spring of youth" for at New Year's a new life begins.

The little girls, all in their bright new kimonos, played a game of battledore and shuttlecocks. Yoshio and his friends played with their kites. New Year's was a gay and lovely time! The air resounded with the laughter of children, and the gay greetings of bowing friends.

Above all the merriment, everyone looks ahead to a year of peace and happiness and resolves to do his best in making it a better year.

The year an uncut jewel is, of matchless worth;
Bringing along with it new heaven and earth;
I long to dwell with God, oh, through this year,
Blessed with His blessing may I live
A life of prayer!

Miyauchi in SONGS FROM THE LAND OF DAWN.

Yunnan Yuletide

By Reverend R. Malcolm Ransom

Missionary of our Church in Yunnan Province, China

聖誕佳音

"Shung Don Jia Yin"
"The Christmas Glad Tidings"

IT is the end of October, and I have just finished opening Christmas parcels which arrived a short time ago. A little early for celebrations to begin. But these parcels were mailed from Canada over a year ago, and were intended for *last* Christmas! Some of them were from Auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society. I am sure they have long since written them off as lost, or else have written me down as a most ungrateful wretch!

Our Christmas festivities this year have continued intermittently for more or less the whole year, as parcels from home, long-delayed en route, kept reaching us at irregular intervals. This was a source of endless delight to the children who thought that Christmas about once a month was just all right. The occasional mail in mid-summer bringing half a dozen Christmas cards only added to the effect.

For the thrill of ''Christmas all year round'' we can thank the bandits of mountainous Kweichou province which lies athwart the overland postal route to Kunming. Last fall, after several postal trucks had been robbed, the Post Office refused to take any further risks, and dumped all second-class mail into warehouses along the way to rot until the bandit situation was cleared up. There it lay, bag on bag, great mountains of mail. I can just see that fruitcake from Wilkie, Sask. right on the bottom, bravely supporting about two tons of heavy mail-bags—yet still delicious upon arrival months later! Such a back-log of mail was cleared up only very slowly. Through a freezing winter it lay, on into the thaws of spring, and some of it into the sweltering, steaming heat of summer. No wonder the raisins had a kick! Nor is it surprising that the once delicious chocolates and other delectables were reduced to an unrecognizable, sticky, gooey mess that slowly oozed from everywhere as one carved open the parcel! But you have to hand it to the Chinese Post Office, it does deliver the goods—even though a year late and quite unrecognizable.

But even if the parcels had managed to get through the bandits of Kweichou, they could not have reached us for Christmas. At that time we were having bandit troubles of our own in south Yunnan. By Christmas Day we had already been cut off from the rest of the world for about three weeks. Railway, telegraph and telephone lines had all been cut by bandits. Even a special runner from mission headquarters in Kunming could not get through to us. The city of Kienshui was in nightly dread of attack by bandit groups reported 1,000 strong. On several occasions there was fighting just outside the city gates.

Under these circumstances you might expect that Christmas celebrations would go by the board. On the contrary. In Church, hospital and home, the advent of our Lord and Saviour was celebrated by one of the happiest and most meaningful Christmases most of us had ever known.

On Christmas Eve, behind gates closed at dark for security reasons, the hospital staff, trained by Dr. Helen Mackenzie, sang carols in the ward courtyard while patients listened with mixed feelings. Little ''peg-leg'', 12-year-old amputee who arrived at the hospital in a crate, proudly chimed in from his bed in the carols he had learned from the hospital evangelists. As the strains of singing died away in the cool, crisp, mountain air, Dr. Chang, young, able surgeon and Hospital Superintendent, spoke to the patients in his soft, simple, effective manner, explaining without frills just what Christmas and this singing of carols was all about. On Christmas Day the whole hospital from superintendent to servants sat down together at midday to a jolly Chinese feast which ended in the arrival of Santa Clause with gifts for all. That evening was marked by a service of worship which included the Christmas Story in pageant presented by the Nursing School with reverence and effectiveness. The patients were brought in, some on crutches, some on stretchers, some on the backs of friends, and all were strangely silent during the service and deeply moved by the message of song and the well-enacted Advent story.

Since Christmas Day was Saturday, the Church made good use of the daylight hours of the whole week-end to tell in drama, story and sermon, the gladsome story of Christ's birth. Curfew at dusk prohibited the holding of evening meetings. Christmas morning was marked by a joyous service in the simple, worshipful sanctuary, resplendent with glorious local-grown poinsettias. It was filled to capacity to hear the age-old wonder expounded of the ''Word made Flesh''.

The next morning, long before 6:30, children were crowding the church gate for Sunday School at 8 o'clock. A special session to which parents were invited was held at which a pageant of our Lord's birth was presented by the Sunday School scholars. This was held in the open courtyard. The church building, a large Chinese home, is built four-square looking in upon a wide, stone-paved courtyard. It made an ideal open-air theatre, and was packed with over 300 parents and children. Once again the story was told to ears that had never heard it before. The courtyard was then cleared until just before the regular church service at 11 o'clock, when people again streamed in until the place was packed even more tightly than for the earlier meeting, and over 200 were turned away at the outside gate. The service of praise was entered into at first only faintly and timidly. For many it was a new experience. But these were more than just idle gawkers, for more and more took part as the worship progressed and the swell of the hymn "O come let us adore Him" made one's imagination dwell on the change that would be made in this little mountain valley if its people would only, truly come and adore Him, Christ the Lord. At the close of the service the crowd stayed for another hour of a social nature, during which there were Christmas stories, some recordings from Handel's Messiah, and, as a climax, a short talk by winsome old Mrs. Wu, the Biblewoman who was the first to start Christian work in Kienshui. In her quiet, gripping way she immediately captivated the group and held everyone breathless until the last word of her well-spoken testimony.

The spirit of the Day was something we shall not easily forget. Even while bandits were at our doors, the power of the Gospel to win men was demonstrated anew, and there were many hearts that were strangely warmed that day by the story of glad tidings and great joy the like of which they had never heard before.

Editor's Note

Recently a letter was received in our office from Mrs. Malcolm Ransom. She tells of Mr. Ransom's return to Kienshui where he felt called to stay to carry on the mission work.

"All was peaceful and the countryside very beautiful. They were opening the library at the church, Mac's dream realized. And were starting a literacy class twice a week. He had been doing some visiting in the homes. His boys welcomed him back and have laid great plans for their Boys' Group. They are meeting twice a week, once for English, once for Bible, with manual training, games and singing thrown in each time."

A Message from Miss Gertrude Rollo, Reg.N.

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IT was a real Thanksgiving day for me this year — my first time at church service for more than a year. How good it is to be seeing the world again from an "upright" position. Illness, at any time cannot be classed as a pleasant experience though it is not an unprofitable one, but those who cared for Dr. Maurer and me certainly did everything to make life in bed as pleasant as possible (Dr. Maurer of the Women's Union Missionary Society of America, became ill when she accompanied me from Jhansi to Amkhut in November 1948 and was forced to spend the winter months in Amkhut).

What a disappointment it was to find that it would be necessary to come home, but when there was no improvement in health and the months of heat went on, how grateful we were to have the opportunity to fly home in four days rather than take the six weeks' sea voyage that we had anticipated.

Now my progress seems to be steady, if a little slower than I would like. After such a long time of inactivity I am happy to be up and able to do the very ordinary things, and I am looking forward to being able to work again in the not too distant future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank friends known and unknown to me for the many letters and cards I received and especially for your prayers. I would like to thank Miss Bessie MacMurchy and Miss Lily Simpson, who during the hot weather did so much to make those very trying days bearable; those with whom I lived in Amkhut and all the others of my fellow missionaries and Indian friends for their care and interest and prayers; Dr. Quinn, Dr. Hezlett of the Irish Presbyterian Mission in Dohad, and Dr. Maurer of Jhansi for their medical care.

Christmas

Though Christ a thousand times
in Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy
soul is all forlorn.

Impressions of National Work in Western Canada

SOMEONE suggested that it might be a good idea if, after completing my first trip from Toronto to Victoria since assuming office as Editor, I would write what impressions had been made on my mind of the work our Society is doing in Western Canada. I am very glad to write such an article, first because it was truly an education to me to see the scope of our work in the west. Secondly, the contribution we are making in presenting Christian education to certain groups, made a deep impression on my mind. I am proud, as a member of the Society, of the work being done now and I am convinced that any efforts we may put forth to increase the work being done among the Indians, the Chinese and in the Children's Centres cannot be too great. There is much to be done before we can relax our efforts in making Christian education possible for young and old throughout the land.

Those who have travelled across our Dominion must have their impression of any phase of its life coloured by the vastness of the land itself and by the evidence almost continually before them of the possibilities for future development of material wealth. Our trip this year was made in the early autumn when the wealth of forest, lake and field seemed literally reflected in the glorious golden colours of the leaves parading their bright costume for their final appearance of the year; in the stooks of grain awaiting the harvesting machine; in the warm golden days of Indian summer through which we lived. Add to this, the constant warmth of good fellowship sponsored first by my companion and guide, Miss Frieda Matthews, and reflected by the Western people whose claim to hospitality is a tradition we will not argue, and the excitement of meeting people whose names had heretofore been legends linked with the growth of Presbyterianism.

It was against such a background that I saw the Indian Schools at Kenora and at Birtle, the Chinese centres in Vancouver and Victoria and the Children's Centre in Vancouver. At another time, I hope to describe in more detail the work being done by each of these centres. The main impression I received at each place was the fact that children were receiving a Christian education in surroundings which were most attractive and administered by people who were giving everything of themselves that the children might have the best. One could not escape the feeling that love existed in all the centres—love of the leader for the children and the love of the children for their teachers and over it all reigned the love of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me".

All across Western Canada, there are men and women who point with pride to the accomplishments already made. The principals of the

Indian Schools have high hopes for the sixteen students now attending high schools in Kenora and Birtle. They hope that they may go on to be leaders of their own people. They hope that coming after them may be many more young Indian people who will step into a prominent place in their community. They think of the vast improvement that could be achieved with more workers, men and women to take the Gospel farther and farther into the reserves. The development of the Indian work has been done slowly, it has reached a place where the interest of white people, the interest of you and me must be more than a few cents in material offering, it must be expressed in our willingness to help our Indian brothers break through racial prejudice incurred by our own kind; it must be expressed in our prayers that God may help us all to strengthen His cause among the Indian people.

The visible rewards of the effort being put into the Children's Centres, both Chinese and non-Chinese are not to be seen quickly this early in their history. Here trained women are bringing to the youngest group in our Church family, their first knowledge of the Shepherd's love. Through these children there is contact with the home, and the contact in some cases grows into closer fellowship and service with the Church. Progress in this way can be seen now in the interest that former students of the schools take in sending their children to the kindergartens operated under Church auspices. Children's Centres such as the one we have in Vancouver, have a very short history, we cannot judge what their influence might be. Right now a number of boys and girls are getting benefits in Christian training, which if followed up by the home and by the Church should ensure us many leaders in the Church of to-morrow.

We live in a beautiful and wealthy land. We cannot travel across the rugged Laurentian plateau, the broad prairies and over the majestic Rockies without feeling a sense of awe at the gift God has given to us. If His gifts for our use while we are here on earth are so great, what must be the gift of Love that He has for those who would live with Him in His Kingdom. He has put it into our hearts and minds to make known that Love to all who will hear. We cannot halt until all have heard and there are many in this land who need the knowledge we have to give. He will not forsake us as we labour for His Kingdom, He will strengthen and guide us in all we do.

Writing this at my office desk, I have lived again the days I spent in Western Canada. I will not soon forget the impression bedded deeply in my mind, that we must labour now and labour hard, that the harvest now ready for us to gather, may not be lost to non-Christian granaries and be deprived the glory of the love of God.

Family Thanksgiving, Chinese Church, Vancouver

By Miss Ruth A. Yeandle

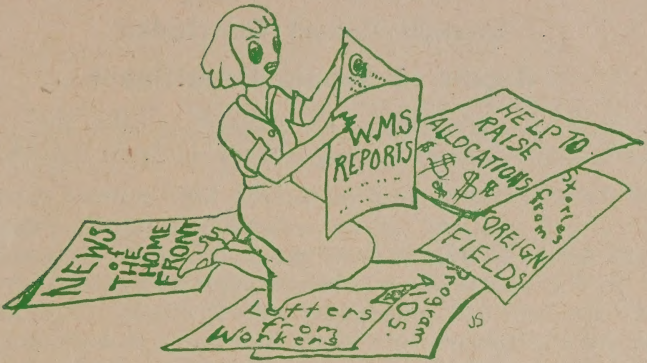
Miss Ruth Yeandle

On the evening of October 7th the Chinese Presbyterian Church held a "family" Thanksgiving gathering. Chairs were arranged around three sides of the gymnasium and on the fourth side stood a flower-decked table where Reverend Y. N. Kwan presided with two special guests, Miss Laura Pelton and Miss Frieda Matthews, on either side of him. Another welcome guest was Miss Mary Whale, Editor of *The Glad Tidings*.

Among the Chinese guests present were members of the church, parents of the children and pupils from the three schools: Kindergarten, Chinese School and English classes. One interesting group consisted of a mother, her three small children, her niece and the children's grandmother, a sweet-faced woman, just arrived from China. What joy it gives us to welcome these dear ones to God's House and the happy fellowship of His children! The programme included enough in the Chinese language to make it interesting for all.

The Kindergarten sang their Thanksgivings and Chinese School repeated John 3: 16 in English and Chinese. The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary ladies sang "God loved the world of sinners lost" in Chinese. The Mission Band, Choir and Young People's Society all sang in English. The latter entertained the company with their favourite Gospel songs while the Young Women's group served refreshments.

All appreciated Miss Pelton's kind greetings and the helpful Thanksgiving message of Miss Matthews. The friendly interest of these two secretaries does much to interpret the Women's Missionary Society to the Chinese people. Love is a universal language. You may not be able to converse with these newcomers in so many words, but anyone with the love of Christ in her heart can interpret Him to others.



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Christmas Greetings

We on *Glad Tidings* staff would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers for their support and encouragement through the past year and to wish them a happy holiday season. We hope we may be able to bring "glad tidings" to your home throughout 1950 and that we may all share in the inspiration the knowledge of the work of our Society brings. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beatrice Worthington,
Assistant.

Mary E. Whale,
Editor.

Council Report Concluded

Report of Supply Department

Mrs. D. F. Hazell expressed her pleasure at being able to give her first report as Secretary of this department, in Grace Church, Calgary.

FROM the many letters and inquiries I have received I realize that there is still a lack of full understanding by many of our members of the details as well as the scope of this work, as is indicated by the fact that at the close of 1948 our supplies had cost us $9,818.00 while our members had contributed only $6,555.00. This was a very bad way for the Department to end the year. I could not help but feel that if the women had fully understood the need this would not have happened.

I propose in this report to enumerate the ways in which our supply money is spent, the calls for assistance which this Department receives and to give some concrete examples of the expenditure.

As you all know, there was a change a few years ago in the method of procuring the material allocations. Instead of each Auxiliary being responsible for the clothing of one or more Indian girls or boys it was asked for a money donation. It was found to be more economical to buy clothing in large lots and to buy them nearer to the schools, thus saving a great deal of freight money. It also tended to greater uniformity of clothing. This change, we feel, has been well justified. In the last few years the price of clothing soared, as you all know, so that last year the money allocations for supplies had, of necessity, to be raised.

I would like first to speak of the largest channel into which our supply money flows, namely, that of the Indian Residential Schools where the clothing of between 250 and 275 children is our responsibility in return for the privilege of giving the children the advantage and blessing of Christian teaching.

In order to give you an idea of the clothing bills I will read you some figures. In September of 1948 the bills from one school amounted to $1,186.00—the other $1,851.00. In other months amounts ran from $175.00 to $437.00.

In the spring a request for 200 yards of navy drill for girls' tunics came in from Cecilia Jeffrey School. We were able to procure this at a very good price from a large departmental store (with a good discount). And here I would like you to think of the saving in the cost of these when you realize that the sewing staff at the school made these tunics.

Other channels into which our supply money flows.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools, which our own deaconesses conduct; Nursery Schools and Chinese Kindergartens; Supplies for summer camps; Supplies for missionaries returning to the field; Port workers' supplies; Supplies for St. Margaret's Girls' Centre; Games to be used by displaced persons who come to our Hungarian church recreation rooms in their leisure hours.

I do wish to show you the need of impressing the women of our Auxiliary with the necessity for them to strive diligently to raise the amount of supply money allocated to them. We have undertaken these various branches of work fully convinced that they are truly "missionary" pieces of work; and surely we who have heard and heeded the good news of salvation through Christ cannot withhold our gifts of talents and means. I ask each of you to go back to your Synodicals, your Presbyterials and your Auxiliaries and impress on our members the need of raising their full supply money allocation.

Concerning the material allocations, women seem to be always happy when collecting good used clothing for the bales for the Indian reserves or knitting socks and mittens for the Indian children. One Synodical supply secretary wrote me that several Presbyterials had many more quilts ready than they were asked for. To quote her, "It seems impossible to curb the generosity of these women, who, like Dorcas, are never happier than when sewing and making garments for the poor". We need not worry about having too many quilts or used clothing for the Canadian Church Relief Abroad welcomes any such contributions and until Europe recovers there will be need of these things.

Before concluding, I wish to speak for a moment regarding the allocations. So many women have written from time to time asking if they might not receive their allocation sooner so that they might begin work on the material supplies early in the New Year. There has been the feeling, too, that the supply year should run concurrently with the financial year. As a result, Council Executive has a recommendation to bring to this meeting.

Recommended that the Supply year coincide with the calendar year; that the allocations for the coming year for supplies be presented at the Council Meeting and go out to the Synodicals the same as allocations for the General Fund in order that the allocations may be in the hands of the Auxiliaries by the first of January; also that a copy of the minute of Council go with the allocations with the request that it be sent on to Presbyterials.

The Glad Tidings

Miss Whale expressed her appreciation of the help given to her as she began her work as Editor, by Miss Mackintosh, by members of the Editorial Committee, by Press and *Glad Tidings* Secretaries, and by Miss Beatrice Worthington, assistant to the Editor. She reminded the delegates that the Editor's work was such that both the composition of the magazine and the distribution came under her jurisdiction. Speaking of that part of the magazine which reported the events in local Auxiliaries, Miss Whale stated that it was the hope of the Editorial Committee that press secretaries would send in reports of meetings which had been inspirational and educational to those attending and that secretaries might prefer to adopt a plan of summarizing the main events of a season. Outstanding events, of course should be reported.

By means of a graph the Editor explained the rising cost of publishing the *Glad Tidings*. The magazine, which in 1946 was costing 3½ cents per issue to print and mail, cost 5 cents in 1947-48, and now is costing 6 cents per issue. The value of the magazine as a guide and an inspiration was pointed out. Miss Whale stressed the fact that the work of those whom we sent to the mission fields at home and abroad should be understood and the *Glad Tidings* was our main medium for current knowledge. In view of the fact that the missionary magazine was a necessary part of our mission work—Miss Whale invited the delegates to give careful judgment to the recommendation from Council Executive: ''That the price of *The Glad Tidings* be increased to 75 cents in bundles, $1.00 per individual subscription.''

This question was left for a committee to study and bring a recommendation back to the Council.

As a result of the committee's study, the Council accepted two recommendations: That the Editorial committee be asked to investigate the possibility of securing a lower cost of publication and that a report be made to the next Council Meeting.

That the price of *The Glad Tidings* be increased to 75 cents in bundles and $1.00 in individual subscriptions to go into effect January 1st, 1950.

Home Helpers

Mrs. Cruickshank took the two mottoes: the motto of the Women's Missionary Society and the Home Helpers' motto and showed the message the combined words contained: ''The World for Christ'' . . . ''That Nothing May Be Lost''. The Home Helpers' Secretary felt that a closer co-operation between the two groups, a deeper interest in each others' problems and plans would make the Society much stronger.

Literature Department

Reporting for the Literature Department, Miss Reith, after referring to the report in the Annual Report, emphasized the importance of missionary literature as a means of informing people of the work of the Christian Church throughout the world and therefore of its part in interesting people in that work and of making them desire to have a part in it; urged the need for further effort on the part of all Literature Secretaries that more and more might know of the materials available and that libraries of good missionary literature might be built up; and presented the studies on Japan, (the theme for 1949-50) which were recommended for the various groups within the Women's Missionary Society Family and the materials which would give additional information and help in preparing interesting programmes.

Welcome and Welfare

Mrs. J. M. Burnett stressed the joy that comes to those who serve and to those who are served in and by this department.

A most encouraging factor in the work of the Welcome and Welfare Department is shown by the fact that almost 1,000 new comers have united with the Church, according to the figures available and there may be many more that we do not know about.

The chief aim of our department is not to bring new members into our auxiliaries, but to seek, as Christian women, by personal contact, to bring people, regardless of nationality, color or creed, into touch with the Church and a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

If you haven't a Welcome and Welfare Secretary in your Auxiliary, please do what you can to secure one. This secretary can be a great help to the minister of your congregation, visiting strangers, the sick, the shut-ins, and lonely and displaced persons, any and all who need and crave the touch of a friendly hand.

Our own Miss Hilda Blackwell, assisting with the Port work at Montreal, is filling a great need, and the many letters received by the Reverend Mr. Pickup from those who have been welcomed upon their arrival in Canada, are full of appreciation of the work the Presbyterian Church is doing in giving help, especially to non-English speaking nationalities.

It is a pleasure to thank all the secretaries who have carried on the work of this department so faithfully during the past year. In the coming year, we trust that greater things will be accomplished, not only for the good of the Society but for the Church and for Him who said, "Feed My Sheep".

Christian Literature

Mrs. Arthur Cherry gave a brief inspirational report on the accomplishments already made by Christian Literature and the need that exists for more and more printed material telling the message of Christian love and salvation. "There is an ever-widening and ever-opening door for thousands of people. They are receptive and are needing the message which comes from Christian literature". Mrs. Cherry asked for greater thought and prayer to help in the vast programme being attempted by those responsible for this phase of missionary work. Literacy is an important part of the programme. If the people are not taught to read the sending of literature is of no use. The one phase of the work depends upon the other. When reading is taught, there should be material on hand for the learners to read. Dr. Laubach and those using his method of teaching reading have reached thousands of people. Many more will come under his influence in the near future. We need to realize that if Christian people do not make literacy possible, those interested in promoting non-Christian cultures will. They have already placed much more of their material upon the market than Christian people have placed. These magazines and books teach a materialistic doctrine to those who are not in a position to judge what is good and what is not good, in reading material. Men and women in this position are easy prey for those who would teach the whole world to follow the gods of worldly wealth and power.

Mrs. Cherry mentioned some of the magazines to which we contribute sums of money to aid in their support. She read letters which had been written to editors such as Mr. Fesenko whose paper *Evangelical Truth* reaches many Hungarian people at home and abroad. The letters showed the great interest taken in literature published under Christian auspices and they told of the sacrifice being made that copies of such periodicals could be procured. The promotion of Christian Literature is indeed a worthy and necessary part of our missionary work.

Students

In reporting for this department, Miss Pelton referred the delegates to the statement in the annual report. She stated that there had been some thought that the board seemed to be showing a preference for the Student Christian Movement in places where the Inter-Varsity Fellowship also gave religious leadership on the university campus. There was no matter of preference, she stated, but only a closer contact with the former organization through their desire and appeals for more hospitality in Church homes for the students. She appealed to the delegates to make the Church felt among the university people. Students must know and understand the Church, she stated, if they are to become interested in serving it either as professional workers or as lay leaders.

Camps

Mrs. Keefer reminded the ladies that they had a great investment in camps all across Central and Western Canada. They have given help in one way and another to Peace Memorial Camp, Lancaster, Ontario, Glen Mohr, Kintail, Shoal Lake, Buena Vista, Christopher Lake, Robert's Creek and to the latest camp site, Camp Wasa in central British Columbia. She regretted that attendance at camps for girls had not been greater. The fault was not due to the leaders which were provided, she claimed, but she thought a large responsibility lay with the local organizations which should endeavour to send more and more young people and children to enjoy the benefits of camp life.

Canadian Church Relief Abroad

Mrs. Harold Keefer explained that services done under the Canadian Church Relief Abroad were sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches. The aim was to send food and clothing to those countries in great physical and spiritual need. Workers in this project endeavoured to minister to the material needs through the use of the gifts of food and clothing supplied by Canadian people. Spiritual reconstruction was the aim for which they were working. Presbyterian people were contributing their share and Mrs. Keefer appealed for continued support. This year, she stated, special attention was being paid to Greece where the need was very great.

International Report

Miss Pelton gave this report in the absence of Miss Bessie MacMurchy, the secretary. Emphasis was placed upon the action of the World Council of Churches in studying the place of women in Church life. A committee to make a study was set up this past summer at the meeting of the Executive of the World Council in Chichester, England. Miss MacMurchy also wished the delegates to be reminded of the meeting of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches which took place in Geneva last summer (1948). This group comprises the largest Protestant body in the world. She recommended the reading of the recent publication: *Girdle Round the Earth,* as a guide to the work being carried on interdenominationally in missions.

Life Membership

Mrs. Pye explained the procedure of ordering a Life Membership Certificate. The order for the Certificate comes from the Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary with the receipt from the Presbyterial Treasurer attached. The order for the printing of the Certificate is given from the office and the signatures are attached. Mrs. Pye reminded the ladies that money for the Life Membership pin does not apply on the allocation. She felt that the meaning of Life Membership should always be in the minds of the auxiliary members. The presentation of them should be a token of loyal service to the Society.

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre is a small institution for teen-age girls, the purpose of which is to provide a home with Christian influence for girls whose family life has been entirely unhappy and unsatisfactory. Girls must be between the ages of twelve and fifteen at the time of admission, of normal health and intelligence and the commitment must be on a voluntary basis with the parents' or guardian's consent.

The girls come to us through the Children's Aid Society, the Big Sisters' Association, the family court and from parents and guardians. All of these agencies express themselves as entirely satisfied with the results of the girls' stay in St. Margaret's. The Centre is used for observation by the Departments of Mental Hygiene and Public Health. We were told by social service experts that we should operate for at least five years before being able to evaluate properly its usefulness. St. Margaret's was formally opened and designated February 9, 1946. Twenty-five girls have been admitted since that time up to June of this year. Of these, seven have joined our Church as members in full communion. The girls all attend Church, Sunday School, C.G.I.T. and choir regularly. They all passed their school examinations creditably in 1948 and 1949. There has been no serious illness whatever during our three and a half years.

—Mrs. A. R. McMurrich.

Candidates

The newest addition to our staff of missionaries, Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., of Uxbridge, Ontario, a well-qualified teacher, with the additional degree as Master of Religious Education, is appointed to the Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi, and will leave for India in October.

Another candidate, Miss Agnes Hislop of Meath Park, Saskatchewan, graduate of our Missionary and Deaconess Training School, has been accepted for overseas service but not yet appointed to a field. At present she is being used in deaconess work at home.

Present day conditions and requirements have limited us in making overseas appointments, but there is no lack of young women preparing definitely for missionary service, and constant enquiries are being received as to future needs.

Another graduate deaconess, Miss Winnifred Ripley, has been appointed to Portage la Prairie for nursery school and general work.

—*Mrs. A. R. McMurrich.*

Footprints On The Sands of Time

"Sometimes . . . we see . . . that all the good the past has had remains to make our own time glad."—Whittier.

MRS. C. E. JAMIESON of Calgary enlarged on the above quotation and applied its truth to the foundations laid for us by women who have laboured in the cause of missions through these past eighty-five years. The pageant, a part of the programme of Council, depicted the salient events of those years—the meetings where women dedicated their efforts to sending forth Christian truth first to Canada then to lands beyond the seas. They were meetings at which women knelt before their God to ask His guidance in planning the great dreams they had in their minds—they were meetings where courage and faith knew no bounds for the women knew that with God's help, His Gospel could be sent forth far and wide across the earth. First it was taken to frontier areas in Canada by the Montreal Ladies' Auxiliary, but by 1876 it had reached through the efforts of the Montreal Ladies' Auxiliary and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to India and China. The work here at home also was expanded to include work among the Chinese, and supplying the material needs of the Indians through a Supply Department. A Monthly Newsletter was sent out and Life Memberships were inaugurated.

1903 was the year the Women's Home Missionary Society was formed, its object being to supply hospitals and nurses for newer parts of Canada. A field secretary was appointed to organize the work of the Society.

1914 saw the union of these three Societies—and the pledge that the tie that bound them together would not be broken. By that time the amalgamated Society was supporting a chain of hospitals through the west—deaconesses working among the Jews and the Ukrainians as well as the work established in foreign lands.

The scene depicting the meeting of the interim executive in 1925 was a moving one. It showed the ladies gathered in Mrs. Daniel Strachan's home in Toronto planning how they would carry on in the face of the change wrought in the Church and Society by an Act of Parliament. That act could decimate their ranks, but it could not take away their loyalty to their Church. One by one the provinces reported —each one showing the damage wrought by the change but each one pledging its loyal support to the Women's Missionary Society. Volunteers came forth then to carry on the field work. Both Miss Pelton and Miss Scott were present in person as they watched themselves depicted in the moving decision of that hour. Of the five workers who remained with the Society three were present and impersonated themselves. They were Mrs. C. P. Young, Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N. and Miss Lily Macarthur.

The next scene fittingly showed the 1949 meeting in Calgary and members of Children's, Girls' and Young Women's groups from all the Presbyterian Churches in that city portrayed in a tableau the work being done among all age groups and among various nationalities by our Society; young and old grouped together into one whole picture of the work. Over it all the cross was raised and the blessing of God the Father Almighty through whose mercy the Women's Missionary Society has prospered and served these eighty-five years was indeed upon us all. Truly the good things of the past have made 'our own time glad'.

Red Letter Day in Taiwan (Formosa)

News has just come of the first graduation ceremony for five Taiwan nurses trained at Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipeh. The whole story has been told by Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N. under whose direction the nursing course has been given. That story complete with a picture will appear next month. It is well worth anticipating!

In Sympathy

Members of the Women's Missionary Society will regret to learn that in the past month two of our workers in Western Canada have been bereaved by the loss of their mothers. Mrs. Scott, mother of Miss Gertrude Scott, director of the Chinese Centre in Victoria, died in October after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Yeandle, mother of Miss Ruth Yeandle, director of the Chinese Centre, Vancouver, passed away several weeks later. To both of these workers we extend the sincere sympathy of the whole Society.

Not on the Agenda

NOT all of the success of a Council meeting depends on the serious discussions in the regular sessions. Good times and good fellowship are engendered by "acts of kindness and of love". The people in Calgary provided these social times in a measure quite in keeping with the reputation Western Canada has for hospitality. This was first evidenced by those people whose homes were our homes for the five days of the meeting. But in addition the Calgary and Alberta ladies entertained in various ways.

On Monday evening September 26th the delegates and members of staff were entertained by the Society at a dinner served by the ladies of Grace Church. Someone said that Grace Church ladies were noted for their culinary art—and certainly they did their part in getting the Meeting off to a good start. Through the week they served luncheons in the church building—and again they contributed much toward making everyone happy and ready to face the issues of the hour.

The Alberta Synodical Society entertained delegates and friends who attended the sessions, at tea, Wednesday, September 28th. The social hour was enjoyed in Coste House a lovely Calgary mansion now set aside as a gallery to display pieces of art, as well as a centre of entertainment.

After the pageant on Tuesday evening, members of the Young Women's and Evening Auxiliaries of Calgary, served tea in the dining room of the church. It was a good opportunity to talk over the inspiring scenes we had just witnessed, and visit with those who had worked so hard to show us how our Society came into being and to admire the period costumes which added much to the success of Mrs. Jamieson's "Footprints on the Sands of Time".

There were other meetings of delegates interested in the various departments. It was strange how food seemed to be an essential part of the extra discussion sessions. We seemed to need or at least enjoy more than "food for thought".

Two people who quietly and courteously answered many needs of the delegates were the Grace Church Secretary and the superintendent of Grace Church building.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

CHRISTMAS would be a good time to give that "extra" book on Japan to your friends. If your friend is very young he or she would be happy to meet MITSU, A LITTLE GIRL FROM JAPAN (.50) or TOSHIO AND TAMA, a Japanese boy and his little sister ($1.00) or enjoy colouring MY FAR AWAY FRIENDS (.25). For these younger friends there are many story books available about children of other lands as well as the attractive Bible story books—BIBLE ABC BOOK, BIBLE PRIMER, BIBLE PICTURE BOOK, STORIES OF JESUS, FAVOURITE BIBLE STORIES, BIBLE CHARACTER JEWELS, (each .35).

A girl in a 'teen-age group would appreciate FUN AND FESTIVAL FROM JAPAN and find within its pages many suggestions to assist in making the mission study project more interesting for her group. Older 'teen-age and young people would read with interest THE SEVEN STARS by Toro Matsumoto, ($1.00) the story of seven Japanese young men who as schoolboys named themselves "the seven stars".

Adults will find much helpful information in such books as JAPAN BEGINS AGAIN by William C. Kerr ($1.00) and DARKNESS OF THE SUN by Richard Terrill Baker, ($2.50) and inspiration and enjoyment from SONGS FROM THE LAND OF DAWN by Kagawa and other Japanese poets, ($1.50).

Group leaders would be glad to receive any of the above or such books as CHILDREN'S GAMES FROM MANY LANDS ($1.25) or GAMES AND PARTIES THE YEAR ROUND ($1.50) which would prove helpful for years to come.

If your Auxiliary has not yet provided the children's and girls' groups in your congregation with their study materials for the year this would be a good time to do it. Home Helper members of the Auxiliary would appreciate receiving a copy of the study material or one of the supplementary books that they might follow the theme with the other members who are able to attend meetings. If you are looking for a small, inexpensive but acceptable remembrance why not send a copy of CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1950 (.25)? Within its pages are given glimpses of the Christian Church around the world which show us what Christ means to those who follow Him in every land and prove that He, who came to earth on the first Christmas morn, remains the only hope of the world.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

To all Auxiliary Secretaries:

BY the time you receive this December *Tidings* you will be thinking of your annual report, for you will already have your report form which is to be filled in and sent to your Presbyterial Secretary. Some of you know just what to do; others are new Secretaries. Will you endeavour to be *accurate* and fill in all the columns in the report form you have received? The Auxiliary Recording Secretary must consult with the Treasurer and any Auxiliary Secretary about whose work she is to report. You will see this request on your report form.

Do report your membership. Last year when the Synodical reports reached us several Auxiliaries had not given their membership, and since we wanted to be accurate in the yearly report we endeavoured to get these figures. It took at least two letters to get this information. There was eight cents postage besides the delay. The Auxiliary Secretaries — Recording, Home Helpers, Welcome and Welfare, etc.—hold the key to the accurate and complete report for the whole Society. One omission or inaccurate statement from the Auxiliary is carried through to the Presbyterial, to the Synodical and to the final report, so please try to be accurate and prompt. One Auxiliary, unduly late, can hold up her whole Presbyterial, her Synodical and in fact the whole Society.

Please read carefully ''Handbook for Officers'', Auxiliaries on page 12, Section XI re reports.

Just one final and special word to the Auxiliary Recording Secretary. Do write to your Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary and tell her all about what your Auxiliary has done during the year; tell her about your best meetings and what made them good; about all the interesting things you did. Tell her, too, of your discouragements if you have any. We are all interested in each other and we can all do something to help each other.

Christmas greetings and best wishes to you all!

Change for the Annual Report

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YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, ***Secretary***

Christmas Blessings

A Service of Worship Using Slides — BY MISS BETTY ISBISTER

Quartet—"Joy to the World" (Verses 1, 2, 4).

Slide No. 4—It was in the Garden of Eden that God promised Adam and Eve and also us the blessings of a Saviour from sin. Jesus was the promised Messiah. By His Cross He brings to all of us the blessings of the forgiveness of sins and opens to all the door of heaven.

Slide No. 5—Down through the ages many prophets of God spoke of the coming of Jesus. Abraham as he knelt before the Lord heard Him say, "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed". (Gen. 22: 18)

Slide No. 6—Moses spoke to the children of Israel saying, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren like unto me; unto Him ye shall harken. (Deut. 18: 15)

Slide No. 7—Isaiah, writing nearly 800 years before Jesus was born said, "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Slide No. 8—Isaiah also foresaw Jesus suffering and dying on the Cross for the sins of all people. He writes, "surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. . . . He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53: 4, 5)

Piano—"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" (Music played softly while Slide 9 is read)

Slide No. 9—700 years before the first Christmas night Micah prophesied: "But thou, Bethlehem, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me, that is to be Ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting. (Micah 5: 2)

Solo—"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" (Verse 4)

Slide No. 14—And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. . . .

Piano—"SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT" (softly while rest of Slide 14 is read)

Slide No. 14—And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with Child.

Slide No. 24—And so it was that while they were there, she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.

Solo—"SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT" (verse 1)

Slide No. 18—And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Slide No. 19—And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Slide No. 20—And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

Quartet—"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT" (verse 6)

Slide No. 27—Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His Star in the East and are come to worship Him.

Slide No. 31—When Herod the king had heard these things he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes together he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea. For thus it is written by the prophet, And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel.

Slide No. 32—Then Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem and said, Go, search diligently for the young child and when ye have found Him bring me word again that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the king, they departed, and lo the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

Quartet—"AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD" (verse 1)

Slide No. 33—When they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary His mother and fell down and worshipped Him.

Slide No. 34—And when they had opened their treasures they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Slide No. 35—And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod they departed into their own country another way.

Slide No. 39—

Solo—''SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT'' (verse 1)

This Worship program has been taken from the Church Craft 2 x 2 kodachrome slide set entitled, ''CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS''. These slides are available from Presbyterian Publications, 165 Elizabeth St. Toronto at a rental of $2.00

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

CHRISTMAS will be with us soon after you read your December *Glad Tidings*. Even now, everyone is just a little busier and working harder so that no one will be forgotten and no Christmas task left undone when the great day arrives.

Leaders and girls are working extra hard too, fulfilling all the lovely thoughtful little acts which girls' groups everywhere seem to do at Christmas. It makes one proud to read in the reports, of the things girls do to make others happy, things such as having a shower of toys and books which are taken to hospitals where some little children must spend the happy season; decorating trees to gladden the heart of a small shut-in; singing carols and sending Christmas cards to people who they know will be alone and lonely; fixing used toys and making them ''good as new''. Teen-agers seem to think of so many fine things to do and they have a great deal of fun in doing those things for others. After all, isn't that the only way to be really happy?

Then, you have probably agreed that the group will help with the decorations for the church on Christmas Sunday. Those of you who live in the country have a wonderful opportunity, and Christmas Day will find your church a picture with many evergreens and plants. We can almost envy those fortunate people in the far West who have all the beautiful holly with its red berries, just waiting to be used. However, regardless of where we live, we can all do a fine job if we plan far enough ahead.

Then dear leader, even though you do become swamped with your personal Christmas activities, won't you please take time to think of that Annual Report? When the activities of your group are still fresh in your mind, will be the best time to tell the story of your group's work. It will help our whole department if you will share your ideas with us. Send your report to your Presbyterial Secretary before the date specified on the report form. She, in turn, will then be able to send her report to the Synodical Secretary on time and your Council Executive Secretary will have that report in due course and be able to share all the ideas with girls' groups everywhere. Do you see how important your Annual Report is?

Now, let me extend to all our girls, to leaders and secretaries and supporters of our work all over this wonderful country of ours, my best wishes for a wonderfully happy Christmas season.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

The Magic Christmas Tree

ONCE there was a Magic Christmas Tree set right on the centre of the world, and when all the candles were lighted the children came running and singing and laughing to see the beautiful tree. Because Christmas is a magic time all the little children in the world could have come quite easily, except that some little girls who had bound feet stumbled and fell, and some very little ones were shut up in dark houses because they were married; and some had to carry heavy burdens and ever so many were in mines and mills, but a great many happy little children were there and had such a lovely time. Then the One who gave the tree asked, "But where are the others?" Then they were all very still and one said, "Why, you see, they couldn't come; too bad; poor little things!" And another said, "Perhaps they wouldn't care much about a Christmas tree, anyway." And one of the boys said, "We need all these presents ourselves; there are not enough to go round."

Then the One who gave the tree said, "But I wanted all the children, every blessed little one." And when the children saw how sorry and disappointed He was, they ran as fast as their feet could carry them and every one brought someone else who couldn't come alone. The boys ran down into the mines and mills and called the others. The girls found the little tired ones doing up Christmas packages in stores and delivering them at home, and those with bound feet, and the little ones in dark rooms, and all came running together to the tree. Then the Magic Christmas Tree grew bigger and bigger and brighter and brighter, and the candles sparkled like stars, and there were presents for everyone. And all the children from all the world stood under its branches and sang, and the shining angel on the top of the tree sang, too, but the One who gave the tree was the happiest of all.—By Lucy W. Peabody in *Everyland Children, Just Like You.*

This story lends itself beautifully for dramatization. Choose as reader one of the older children who speaks distinctly and slowly. He stands at one side of the platform where he can see the children and takes care not to read the story faster than they can act it out. It is necessary to have a tree. Have the candles on the audience side lighted while paragraph one is read and a large group of American-clad children run in on tip-toe and form a happy circle about the tree. Scattered in the audience near the front, have children in Chinese, Indian, African, Mexican, etc., costumes, some children with large dolls fastened to their backs, others with heavy boxes on their shoulders, others with pickax or shovel on their shoulder.

As the reader mentions these various children who could not get to the tree have them rise quietly and with bent shoulders move slowly as if at their tasks, while the children on the platform continue to play about the tree gleefully until the reader says, "Where are the others?" They become still, look at one another, some bow their heads, others move their lips as though saying the things the reader says in the latter half of paragraph two. They listen thoughtfully until the words "they ran fast," etc., then go to the children as suggested by the third paragraph and all come running "hand in hand" to the tree. As they gather about it all candles are lighted and the children stand in circles, two or four deep if necessary, about the tree, and when the reader finishes the last paragraph the children sing "Joy to the world," then take their seats.

—*Lydia L. Schaum.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial—On October 5th in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, a gathering of those interested in Young Women's and Girls' work was held to meet with Mrs. H. Keefer, Girls' Organizations Secretary, and Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Young Women's Secretary, both of Council Executive. A discussion of both phases of work was conducted. Miss Frieda Matthews, Miss Mary Whale and Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, were also heard in different aspects of missionary work. A proposition to form a Young Women's Auxiliary in various Victoria churches met with approval and was an encouraging development of the evening's discussion. The Gorge-Erskine and St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. groups were represented.

The ladies of Knox Church, Port Alberni, were hostesses to members of the Presbyterial Executive. At the evening meeting held in the church, Mrs. M. C. Fuller, Presbyterial President, presided. Mrs. Currie a life member of the Society and Mr. J. Mowat, M.L.A. were also present. On Sunday morning all attended Knox Church before returning home. Thanks were expressed to the Alberni members for their warm reception and happy atmosphere throughout.

On October 12th a large number of Presbyterians gathered in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, to hear Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary. Mrs. M. C. Fuller, Presbyterial President, was in the chair, welcoming visiting men and women and C.G.I.T. girls. Miss Pelton spoke of each of our mission fields. Her words made a deep impression concerning the tremendous needs of to-day if the Christian way of life is to be maintained.

Westminster Presbyterial — The annual fall rally of the Presbyterial was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on October 6th at which brief reports of Council Meeting held in Calgary were given by Mrs. M. Clifford, who spoke on the inspirational service of worship and on some of the reports made at Council, and Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, who presented the financial aspect of the work. She encouraged the delegates to Presbyterial to go back to each Auxiliary and present the great needs and opportunities, thus stimulating more interest in the missionary effort. The guest speaker, Miss Laura Pelton gave a report on the Overseas Missions which she had recently visited. She explained the various fields of work with regard to political background and economic position, then proceeded to analyze the missionary needs and the approach applicable to each individual field. By her deeply moving address, it is felt that Miss Pelton gave to our women a keener insight into the work and presented its need for greater effort, earnest prayer, and concentrated active interest.

The Young Women of the Presbyterial with many guests attending, met in Fairview Church, Vancouver, on the evening of October 6th to hear Miss Laura Pelton speak on the Overseas work. She called for the same measure of devotion on the part of the members of our Auxiliaries as is shown by our missionaries and nationals who are carrying on the work of the Church in spite of economic difficulties and personal danger. Mrs. R. S. Stevens, Synodical Young Women's Secretary, gave an interesting resumé of the Council Meeting held in Calgary. Mrs. George Bell, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, presided.

The annual regional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in the Murrayville Church. A very profitable time was spent when the presidents of the various Valley Auxiliaries brought highlights of the year's work. Mrs. M. Clifford, Presbyterial President, brought greetings from sister Auxiliaries in Vancouver and told of the services of worship and addresses given at the recent Council Meeting held in Calgary. The Synodical President, Mrs. Robert Pollock, presented the financial report from Council after which a most inspiring and helpful address was given by Miss Laura Pelton.

The members and friends of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, had the pleasure of hearing Miss Lily Simpson at their Thank-offering meeting. Miss Simpson, who has recently returned from India was able to give a very clear picture of conditions as they are at the present time in India. She stated that prospects for the future are uncertain and that *Now* is the time for increased effort.

The members of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary had a pleasant surprise at their monthly meeting when Mrs. W. J. Gourlie brought Reverend Duncan and Mrs. McRae of South China, to the meeting. Reverend and Mrs. McRae spoke briefly and the Auxiliary was pleased to hear that Mr. McRae had been in touch with our missionaries in Yunnan.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial —Mrs. R. J. Edgar presided at a banquet held at Grace Church, Calgary, when the Presbyterial resumed its activities for the autumn. Members of the Synodical Society were guests as was also Miss Hazel Macdonald, a former deaconess in Calgary, who left in September to do educational work in Ethiopia. A pageant entitled ''The Glory of God'' was presented by girls of the Explorer's Group of Knox Church. Mrs. Edgar extended a welcome to Miss Murdene McIver, a missionary from Haiti, to Miss Margaret MacNaughton, deaconess in Grace Church, Calgary, to Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary for the Women's Missionary Society in the Synod of Alberta, and to Miss Margaret Boyd, deaconess in Chalmers Church in northeast Calgary. Miss Margaret McLagan took the service of worship and gave an interesting talk on the work in our summer camps.

Edmonton Presbyterial—Mrs. C. Oscroft presented the findings of the recent Council Meeting to a joint meeting of the members of Strathcona, St. Andrew's and Rupert Street Auxiliaries, Edmonton. The picturesque description of the pageant was one of the highlights of her report. She also stressed the fact that the subscription price of *The Glad Tidings* is now raised, but that this magazine is well worth the extra cost. The Estimate for both the General and Supply Funds have been increased.

Red Deer Presbyterial—At a recent meeting of the Carstairs Auxiliary a letter was read from Mrs. D. Firth, telling of a Young People's Conference held in Berbice, British Guiana. The quiz from the July-August *Glad Tidings* was used as part of the programme.

This was made even more enjoyable as one of our members, now in her eighties, gave us many highlights in the lives of some of the missionaries mentioned in the quiz.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

Moose Jaw Presbyterial — Representatives from widely scattered points in the Presbytery attended a missionary rally in Moose Jaw on September 19th to hear the message of Miss Laura Pelton on her impressions of a recent survey of the overseas mission fields. Miss Pelton reminded her listeners that the Christian imperative is the same to-day as it has always been. It is time that the western world woke up to the fact that the entire East is in a state of chaos and ferment. It has thrown off its subservience and is hungrily searching for and expects to find better things than it has ever had before. ''Either the Christian world gets busy and makes an impact on the newly-awakened giants of the East or presently they will make an impact of another kind on us, and in no uncertain way.''

At Weyburn the special Thank-offering speaker was Miss Helen Horne, who brought a message from the Council Meeting, held recently in Calgary. There an increased allocation had been set to meet the growing need in all our work.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — To the women gathered in Prince Albert for a missionary rally on September 20th Miss Pelton stated that the great need in the mission fields is for workers and more workers, especially for trained native men and women. She felt that progress is being made towards breaking down barriers of race and colour, especially among those who have accepted the Christian faith.

Regina Presbyterial—On the afternoon of September 17th Miss Pelton spoke in St. Andrew's Church, Indian Head. Ladies from Whitewood, Regina and Moosomin joined with the Indian Head representation to make a very successful rally. Mrs. Frank Wood, President of the Presbyterial, was in the chair. That same evening Miss Pelton addressed a gathering in Northside Church, Regina, and showed a set of coloured slides. On Sunday morning September 18th Miss Pelton spoke from First Church, Regina, pulpit and presented the responsibility of our Church in spreading the Gospel in a very convincing manner, closing her talk with these words: ''The world today is frustrated and disillusioned and needs Christianity. What are we going to do about it?''

Saskatoon Presbyterial — ''We've been bosses long enough in foreign countries and we are not going to be any more'' Miss Pelton told a Saskatoon audience when discussing the competent way Christian Chinese were handling positions of trust and responsibility in their homeland. She paid tribute to some of the ''modern heroines of the Church.'' One of these is Mrs. Mildred Gehman who had done such magnificent pioneer work at Kienshui, Yunnan province in China. The first white woman in that Chinese city, she had in loneliness and danger, laid the foundation for the hospital which was to follow—a living testimony of the Christian faith. In concluding her address Miss Pelton said that there was nothing women could do that would be more worthwhile than their missionary work.

The Home Helpers were the guests at the fall Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Wilkie. Miss J. Walls, Presbyterial President, and Miss M. Grant, Presbyterial Treasurer, were present from Saskatoon. Mrs. Russell, Auxiliary President, was in the chair and chose "Go Ye" as the theme for the meeting. The Reverend George Lowe, minister of St. Andrew's, welcomed the guests and introduced Miss Walls. Miss Walls gave an interesting account of the Council Meeting held in Calgary in September and Miss Grant spoke briefly on the allocation for the Presbyterial.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Rosetown, held their fall Thank-offering meeting October 6th. The Young Women's Auxiliary was invited to attend. Mrs. Myers, vice-president, was in the chair and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Jones of Norway House, Manitoba.

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MRS. JAMES GIBB, 308 SOUTH MARKS ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SECRETARY

SUPERIOR Presbyterial—The October Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fort William, was held in the church on October 20th. Mrs. W. S. Nairn presided. The Reverend E. S. Hales of First Church, Fort William, was guest speaker. He gave a very fine talk from the text "Go Ye and Teach". A shower for the missionary bale was held that afternoon also and a good supply of used and new articles of clothing was brought in.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering meeting in the church. They had as guests, members of St. James and Kildonan Auxiliaries. The president, Mrs. S. Sutton, presided. Mrs. J. S. Flook was guest speaker. She spoke on Thanksgiving and how we should give thanks for all the things of life small as well as large. We should all let that mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus and follow His command: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations". Members of the Mission Band entertained.

Stonewall Auxiliary held their fall Thank-offering meeting on October 6th at the home of Mrs. T. Calder. Mrs. A. T. Kernaghan of Winnipeg was guest speaker, taking as her theme "Thanksgiving", tracing the history of the day from its origin to the present time and showing how we should be thankful for God's blessings. She also gave a most interesting talk on her work as Presbyterial Supply Secretary.

The Auxiliary of Old Kildonan Church held their fall Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Duffin. Mrs. G. A. Warrington addressed the gathering and gave the highlights of the Council Meeting held in Calgary. A number of visitors was present.

The Home Helpers of this Auxiliary met on October 2nd at the home of Mrs. J. A. Davidson. A social evening was planned. Mrs. Duffin spoke on the value of Home Helpers to the Auxiliary and on the Supply Department. A number of ladies was present who were unable to attend afternoon meetings.

Brandon Presbyterial — Reverend J. B. Fox of St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, was guest speaker at the autumn Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon. He spoke of the great need to-day of the quickening power of the Holy Spirit within our Church. It is this power which quickens men and women into witnessing for Christ. The power which refines us and promotes the growth of Christian character. It is the power which converts men and women into children of the heavenly family.

Current events for the month were given by Mrs. J. S. Matheson.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, held their autumn Thank-offering with Mrs. C. A. McRae presiding. Mrs. G. Dinsdale was the special speaker and took as her theme unity among all Christian denominations.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM Presbyterial—In reviewing a portion of the study book on China at the September meeting of Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, St. Andrew's, Windsor, Mrs. Robertson emphasized the plea made to us as Canadians for more missionaries.

A letter from Miss Ellen Douglas was read at the September meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor. Questions asked by some members and answered by others was an interesting feature of the September meeting of Knox Church Senior Auxiliary, Windsor.

In addressing members of the Senior Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on the subject "Thanksgiving", Mrs. Rex. A. Bicks who was born in India and spent many years there in mission work, said, "If you could see conditions as I have seen them, it would make you realize how very fortunate you are every day of your lives. Don't take your advantages for granted; be grateful for them."

Hamilton Presbyterial—The Presbyterial held its fall rally September 22nd in St. Paul's Church with Reverend S. W. Vance, the minister, conducting the worship service and Miss A. Ritchie presiding.

The guest speaker, Mrs. A. E. Toombs, was introduced by Mrs. D. Munro. Mrs. Toombs told of the sacrifices and responsibilities which face missionaries on the foreign field to-day. Outweighing all these, she declared, was the joy of leading even one soul to Jesus Christ. She urged that Church women at home renew their vision and experience a fresh urgency of Christ's command: "Go ye into all the world."

Knox Auxiliary, Port Dover, lost an esteemed member in the death of Mrs. Mary Sinclair on August 26th. Mrs. Sinclair had been a member of the Auxiliary since its inception in 1888 and was the last charter member.

MacNab Street Auxiliary, Hamilton, held its Thank-offering meeting in October when an In Memoriam certificate was presented by the Misses McQuesten in memory of Miss Jessie Chisholm Tinsley, the first Home Helper of this Auxiliary.

Alberton Auxiliary celebrated its 40th anniversary at a Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. H. McKellar, Hamilton, as guest speaker used the Women's Missionary Society motto "The World For Christ" as the basis of her address. Mrs. R. Smith presided. Two members who attended the first meeting held on October 3, 1909, Miss Elizabeth Burnside and Mrs. J. Norwich were present as well as visitors from Ancaster, Dundas, Carluke, Jerseyville and Hamilton.

Erskine Senior Auxiliary, Hamilton, held their annual "Mildred Soutar" Sunday on September 25th. Miss Soutar who went to Jobat, India, in 1930 laboured for three years as superintendent of the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home in Amkhut. An honoured member of the congregation present at this service was the late Miss Soutar's mother, Mrs. A. C. Soutar. Reverend J. A. Munro spoke at this service telling the boys and girls of the children in the schools at Jobat as well as of work being done in Korea and Japan. Through the generosity of our boys and girls a bale of clothing is being sent to India.

Huron Presbyterial—The Presbyterial fall rally was held in Clinton, Mrs. G. Bisset, Presbyterial President, presiding. Mrs. Bisset addressed the meeting basing her thoughts on ''Thanksgiving''. She enumerated our blessings, not the least being the bountiful harvest this year in Huron County, and compared it with the devastating poverty in India to-day. We should be grateful for our homes but above all let us give thanks to Almighty God for our churches. Routine reports followed and all typified renewed vigor spiritually as well as gratifying financial returns. The afternoon session opened with devotions by Auburn Auxiliary. The guest speaker for the afternoon session was Mrs. West of St. Thomas, who chose the word ''Roads'' upon which to base her remarks. Miss Macarthur in speaking of her work in the Peace River told of the sacrifice, courage and patience of the Christians there. ''Many children come as far as ten miles on foot to attend Bible School.''

London Presbyterial — Among its members, the Presbyterial is justly proud of Mrs. Duncan Laird Campbell, who late in September celebrated her 103rd birthday. Mrs. Campbell is a staunch supporter of our Society and although still active in the work, of recent years has become a Home Helper.

St. George's Auxiliary, London, has the unique distinction of being able to see its active workers interested for almost a century. Among its faithful members who, although 99 years old, seldom has missed a meeting since organization is Miss M. A. Isaac. Miss Isaac's family tree boasts of longevity and faithful church membership. Her mother consistently attended Divine Service at least once every Sunday after she had passed her 100th year. St. George's values these faithful saints who are an inspiration and example for minister and congregation alike. Mrs. Wm. Swanson and her mother Mrs. Wm. Clark were hostesses for the meeting of St. George's Auxiliary, London, held at their home on Clark's side-road. Mrs. Schaef presiding. Mrs. S. J. Grosvenor, recently returned from England, contrasted the abundance in Canada with shortages in England. Mrs. C. Schomburg and Mrs. J. Clark were appointed joint leaders of the Cairncross Mission Band.

Fingal Auxiliary entertained Duff's, Largie, Dutton, Wallacetown and Alma Auxiliaries at their Thank-offering meeting on September 15th. Mrs. S. Grosvenor, Supply Secretary for Hamilton and London Synodical, who was present at the organization of Fingal Auxiliary, was warmly welcomed on her return from abroad. As guest speaker, Mrs. Grosvenor, centred her address on the ''Story of Dorcas'' who sewed for the poor of Joppa. She emphasized our example and responsibility towards our new Canadians if we are true ambassadors of Christ.

Sarnia Presbyterial — The Presbyterial deeply regrets the death in July of Mrs. Mary McClenaghan, a past Presbyterial President.

During the summer Petrolia Auxiliary honoured their oldest member and Honorary President of Sarnia Presbyterial, in the person of Mrs. Samuel Stokes, who, on July 11th attained her 100th birthday. For many many years Mrs. Stokes has been an inspiration and a tower of strength throughout the community. Hamilton and London Synodical Society extend sincere good wishes to this aged "Handmaid of the Lord".

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Mooretown, held their fall Thank-offering meeting in early October. A goodly attendance of members and visitors was noted. The guest speaker, Mrs. R. S. Burnham, gave an address on the work done in our foreign and home mission fields.

A large attendance greeted the guest speaker, Mrs. R. S. Burnham, at Wyoming on October 12th when Cuthbertson and Pioneer Auxiliaries held their Fall Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Burnham based her remarks on "Seedtime and Harvest". Mrs. M. Gillatly, president of Pioneer Auxiliary convened the programme. At the close of the meeting the Session and Board of Managers joined the ladies for a time of social fellowship.

Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest, was guest speaker at the Thank-offering service held by Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, Sarnia. Mrs. Gallie gave highlights from the recent Council Meeting in Calgary.

Stratford Presbyterial—The 14th sectional meeting of the southern section of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Avonton. Mrs. James Woods presided over this very interesting meeting which was addressed by Mrs. D. Young of Cromarty, using "The Mission Band" as her theme.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Mrs. C. W. McDonald, 3983 Bloor St., R.R. 2, Islington, Press Secretary

GUELPH Presbyterial—A dream long held by leaders of women's missionary work in Knox Church was realized when members of all the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliaries, including leaders of the C.G.I.T., Explorers and Mission Band, together with representatives from the Women's Association, W.A. Circles and Pastor's Aid met together in fellowship at a banquet held in the Sunday School room of the church. Following dinner which was served by members of the Chee-Li Mission Circle, all joined in singing favourite hymns. Miss Lyla Sinclair, President of Guelph Presbyterial and of Knox Auxiliary, introduced the groups and said the purpose of the meeting was to have members get better acquainted so that each might feel heartened in her effort to bring God's kingdom to earth. A musical programme was given, also two sets of slides "Sowing Victory Seed in China" and "The Light Shines in Formosa". In commenting on the pictures Miss Sinclair said that one no longer speaks of foreign missions. There are Overseas Missions and National Missions, each equally important for the work of the overseas missions will be undone if Christian lives are not led in Canada. Letters were read from a local young man engaged in mission work in Manitoba, revealing the need of Church work in Canada.

Saugeen Presbyterial—Guest speaker at a Home Helpers' meeting held in Knox Church, Conn, was Miss Marjory Arnott who is home on furlough from the island of Haiti where she serves under the Unevangelized Fields Mission. Miss Arnott, who is a native of Conn, told of her work on the island and pointed out the need for more consecration and prayer at home. The Reverend M. D. McNabb spoke on the "Home and its place in the Christian Church." Musical numbers were given by four teen-age girls.

On October 5th at the historic stone

church of Burns Rocky Saugeen a Thank-offering meeting was held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary there. There are four members living who were in the Society in 1909, Mrs. J. W. McKechnie (now of Durham) who was the first president, Mrs. L. S. McLean, Mrs. D. McQuarrie and Mrs. G. Boyd. Mrs. G. L. Hamill, nee Anne Ryrie, who represented the Presbyterian Young People's Society at the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, was the guest speaker and gave an informative description of her trip and the impressions made at that vast gathering.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. J. R. Hill, 250 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Press Secretary

GLENGARRY Presbyterial — Owing to the inability through illness of Mrs. D. McGillivray of Dunvegan, Vice-President of District No. 4 of the Presbyterial, to visit the Auxiliaries under her supervision, Gravel Hill, Monkland, Moose Creek and St. Elmo each held one meeting in her home. There they received a cordial welcome and encouraging words and heard from her a splendid missionary address. Reports are given of all activities, so that vice-president and Auxiliaries co-operate and thoroughly understand their relative positions. Much good has been accomplished through these meetings.

St. Elmo Auxiliary for their Thank-Offering meeting had as guest speaker, Reverend A. G. Faraday, newly inducted minister at Vankleek Hill. He gave an inspiring address on the work in Presbyterian mission fields, especially Formosa and the Bhil Field.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Maxville and St. Elmo Auxiliary held a joint meeting in Gordon Church. The visiting Auxiliary conducted the meeting. The *Glad Tidings* was reviewed and a Bible Quiz was conducted by Mrs. Doig.

The members of six Auxiliaries, Chesterville, Morewood, Moose Creek, Crysler, Winchester Senior and Winchester, Agnes Glassford, were guests of St. Luke's Auxiliary, Finch, at their Thank-offering meeting, when Dr. Younger-Lewis of Vernon, addressed a well-attended meeting. Mrs. Alex. McDougall, President of St. Luke's Auxiliary, presided.

Montreal Presbyterial—The twenty-first annual sectional meeting of the South Shore District of the Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, on Saturday, September 17th. Mrs. K. Pearce, Ormstown, and Miss Emily Kimball, Athelstan, presided over morning and afternoon sessions respectively. Encouraging reports were heard from Senior, Evening and Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. In each instance allocations are well on the way to being reached. Huntingdon reported a Home Helpers group of over sixty members with substantial givings. Mrs. R. M. McCleery brought greetings from the Presbyterial and wished the Auxiliaries all success in their work. Mrs. G. P. Louie and Miss Muriel Judd were the guest speakers. They told of their work in the Chinese Church in Montreal.

Mrs. Jacques Smith was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, St. Lambert. In her address she told the history of French Protestantism in Canada, the work of the Women's Missionary Society in this field, the hopes for the future, the needs to-day and the progress made at St. Luc's (the

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

October 31st, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Evening Department Conference, Toronto, ‘‘Christmas Gifts, Supply Department’’.	$ 69.34
Gift from Miss Mary McPherson, through Orillia Auxiliary, ‘‘Supply Department’’	200.00
Miss Evelyn Henderson, Toronto, ‘‘Projector for Miss McConnell's Work’’	86.75
Miss E. Foreman, Collingwood, ‘‘Miss Bessie MacMurchy's Work’’	10.00
Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, Chatham, Ontario	100.00
Annuity rates from workers	60.00
Life Membership pins	91.33
Council Meeting offering	84.32
Room rent from worker	20.00
Synodical Givings:	
Hamilton and London	5,700.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	77.50
Toronto and Kingston	3,000.00
Montreal and Ottawa	2,550.00
Saskatchewan	387.00
	$12,436.24

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 166.66
Birtle, Government Grant	2,641.76
Cecilia Jeffrey	158.31
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,168.13
Chinese in Canada	975.52
Deaconesses	898.67
St. Margaret's Centre	248.24
Children's Centre	395.02
Port Work	122.36
Organization	1,088.26
Supplies	597.07
Exchange	149.07
Publications	702.24
Administration	1,205.68
Deputation	24.42
Insurance and Taxes	119.06
Council Meeting	2,206.61
India:	
Bhil Field	788.41
Jhansi Field	100.00
British Guiana	25.00
China	1,325.00
Formosa	450.00
Missionaries' Travelling and Incidental Expenses	17.96
Missionaries' Personal Accounts	205.00
Christian Literature	25.00
Grant to Missionary Education Movement	50.00
Miscellaneous	5.30
Miss Katherine Sun	60.00
Miss Lenke Pongor	42.50
Hospitalization Rates	11.70
Annuity rates received from Workers, paid to Pension Fund	710.47
	$18,683.42

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Ellen S. Croskery, Perth, Ontario	$ 200.00
Payment on Windermere Property	25.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Belmore Sunday School for Education of Stephen, Yunnan, China	60.00
Mrs. Evelyn Grant, Toronto, Education of Girl on Overseas Field	25.00
Miss Evelyn Henderson, Education of Louise Henderson, India	65.00
Pension Fund—	
Annuity rates from Workers	710.47
	$1,085.47

DISBURSEMENTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Miss Anderson's Work, British Guiana	$ 31.68
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Education of Stephen, Yunnan, China	60.00
	$ 91.68

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Regina Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, Barvas. Pres., Mrs. A. Jowsey; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. D. Morrison.

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Hamilton and London

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Toronto Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Milton. Pres., Mrs. Harvey Brush; Treas., Mrs. Jack Scott; Sec., Miss Donna Ford, Milton.

Young Women's Auxiliary, Rogers Memorial Church, Toronto. Pres., Miss Winnis McCalden; Sec.-Treas., Miss Mary Gault, 111 Woodington Ave.

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Mission Band (reorganized) Ormstown. Leaders, Mrs. Wm. Meikle, Mrs. Alec. Thomson.

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